

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-44359)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] b7c
SM-C

DATE: 7/6/59

Re New York letter to Newark, 5/8/59 and Newark letter to New York, 5/25/59, both captioned "MORTON SOBELL, ESPIONAGE-R."

On 3/3/59, [REDACTED] of the Englewood, New Jersey Police Department, advised that one of his detectives had gone to Bridgeport, Connecticut and interviewed LOUIS FERRINI who was in custody of the Greenwich, Connecticut Police and the Connecticut State Police. FERRINI was arrested in Bergen County, New Jersey along with [REDACTED] in connection with a series of jewel robberies.

According to [REDACTED] FERRINI told them that he had learned that [REDACTED] was a card carrying Communist as a result of a burglary in April, 1955 at the home of [REDACTED] wherein a safe was carried out of the premises. [REDACTED] he had no further information regarding this, except that he believes that [REDACTED] was employed in some Atomic Energy facility. [REDACTED] stated that FERRINI could not have stolen the safe as he was in jail at the time, but [REDACTED] believed he fingered the job.

The following investigation concerning subject was conducted by SA WALTER P. GAVIN:

Records of the Garden State Credit Bureau, 429 Getty Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey, as made available by [REDACTED] on 3/26/59 contained the following information concerning the subject:

A report dated 1/8/53 reflected that [REDACTED] and his wife, [REDACTED] then resided at [REDACTED] Englewood, New Jersey. Subject was then (January, 1953) 45 years of age, married and had wife and family as dependents. The report indicated that subject planned to change his residence in the near future to [REDACTED]

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New Jersey where he purchased a one family dwelling located in a good residential section.

The report reflected that subject was [redacted] of the [redacted] New Jersey. It was noted that this firm was established September 11, 1951 to engage in the [redacted] and to obtain contracts for [redacted]

It was indicated that subject had a joint checking account in the Palisades Trust Company, Englewood, New Jersey since 1949 and that his balance averaged high 3 to low 4 figures. It was noted that there was no record of any litigation involving the subject.

On 3/30/59, [redacted] Municipal Building, Englewood, New Jersey, advised that the records of the Englewood Police Department contained no record of the subject. b7d

On 4/9/59, [redacted] United States Post Office, Englewood, New Jersey, advised that subject is now residing at [redacted] b7d b7c

On 4/9/59 at [redacted] Ridgefield, N.J., it was observed that the following firms are doing business at that address:

T.W. Dunn Company; Bergen Glue Corporation and Standard Glue Company. b7c b7d

On 4/9/59, [redacted] United States Post Office, Ridgefield, N.J., advised that the [redacted]

On 4/10/59, [redacted] U.S. Post Office, Englewood, N.J., advised that subject resides and apparently conducts business from his residence [redacted] Englewood, N.J. [redacted] stated that the subject resides there with his wife [redacted] and a [redacted] and that he has another daughter [redacted], who resides at another location in Englewood, N.J. [redacted] stated that subject received mail at [redacted] b7d b7c

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On May 19, 1959, LOUIS H. FERRINI was interviewed at the Fairfield County Jail, 1106 North Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut by SA JAMES J. MC CARTHY where FERRINI was then confined. FERRINI furnished the following information:

In the Spring of 1953 he was in the interior decorating business in Englewood, New Jersey and was hired by [REDACTED] Englewood, New Jersey, to do some decorating work in the [REDACTED] home. In the course of this work, FERRINI became friendly with [REDACTED]

On the day following the day that JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were electrocuted in 1953, FERRINI had breakfast with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that it was a shame that the ROSENBERGS were electrocuted. [REDACTED] said that he was friendly with either the ROSENBERGS or the SOBELL who was convicted with the ROSENBERGS, but FERRINI was unable to recall with which of these individuals [REDACTED] had stated he was friendly. [REDACTED] told FERRINI that either JULIUS ROSENBERG or SOBELL had visited [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had entertained in his home either the ROSENBERGS or SOBELL.

On another occasion the older of the two [REDACTED] girls, whose name FERRINI was unable to recall, showed FERRINI a bracelet in a jewelry box in the master bedroom of the [REDACTED] home. She told FERRINI that the bracelet had been given to [REDACTED] by SOBELL. FERRINI described the bracelet as having a double row of diamonds with rubies in the center, and estimated it to be worth about \$50,000.00.

In about July, 1953, while at work at the [REDACTED] home, FERRINI stole the bracelet from the jewelry box of [REDACTED] in the master bedroom, and also stole some money and a card from the jewelry box of [REDACTED]. The card was a little larger than a regular business card, was a grey pink in color, and stated that [REDACTED] was a member of an organization which FERRINI had seen previously in a newspaper in a list of organizations designated as subversive by the Attorney General of the United States. FERRINI stated that he took the card, intending to use it at some later date to extort money from [REDACTED]. FERRINI stated he hid the card and bracelet in some of his furniture, which he later sent to the warehouse of the Geneva Moving and Storage Company, Geneva, New York in January, 1955.

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FERRINI was imprisoned in New Jersey from February, 1955 to September, 1957. On his release he went to Geneva, New York, but was unable to locate either the bracelet or the card.

To FERRINI's knowledge, [REDACTED] has never made any complaint to the police about the theft of the bracelet or the card. FERRINI was unable to furnish any description of [REDACTED]

FERRINI furnished the above information orally and declined to furnish a signed statement.

The following informants were contacted for information concerning the current activities of subject with negative results:

<u>INFORMANT</u>	<u>DATE CONTACTED</u>	<u>CONTACTING AGENT</u>
[REDACTED] b7d	6/4/59	SA JAMES R. LAUGHLIN
[REDACTED] b7d	6/16/59	" " " "
[REDACTED] b7d	6/11/59	SA JOHN J. REID, JR.

Inasmuch as no information has been developed to corroborate information furnished by FERRINI as to the COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) membership of subject this SM-C case is being closed.

If further investigation of subject is desired by New York Office in connection with subject's possible association with the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL, it is suggested that appropriate leads be set out under the "MORTON SOBELL, ESPIONAGE-R." 0

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

FROM : SA CHARLES MARTEL HALE (422)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
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DATE: 7/7/59

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On 6/26/59, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal) made available a flyer reprinted from the Intercollegian issue of April, 1959, entitled "The Case of MORTON SOBELL" reprinted as a public service by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, NYC, which she had received at a meeting of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL held at Webster Hall, East 11th Street, NYC, on 6/19/59.

The above flyer is designated to the exhibit section of captioned file and is located in 100-107111-1B961.

Informant at the same time furnished a flyer containing an independant plea for MORTON SOBELL which was reported in the New York Times on 2/22/59, reproduced as a public service by the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, which was also obtained at the above meeting. This flyer is designated to the exhibit section of captioned file and is located in 100-107111-1B962.

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Director, FBI (100-387835)

7/8/59

SAC, Buffalo (100-11534)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
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Re Buffalo let, 5/19/59.

On 6/12/59, [redacted] advised that on 6/5/59 at a regular meeting of the workers World Party (recently formed Trotsky splinter group) it was announced that ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN would speak at WWP Headquarters, 831 Main St., Buffalo, on 6/19/59 on the Sobell case. (Buffalo location [redacted])

On 6/26/59, [redacted] advised that on 6/19/59 an open meeting sponsored by the Buffalo Labor Forum (a name assumed by the WWP) was held at 831 Main St. featuring a speech by Dr. ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN who spoke on the imprisonment of MORTON SOBELL. She asked her listeners: (1) to form a committee to work for the release of SOBELL; (2) to obtain signatures of clergymen concerning this matter, and (3) to help financially. Approximately 43 people, predominately members of the WWP, were in attendance [redacted]

[redacted] provided a copy of the 7/59 four-page newspaper "Day's Verdict" published by the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell which was distributed at the meeting. It is noted that the listing of the various Sobell committees throughout the U.S. as set forth in this news sheet did not mention the existence of a committee in Buffalo. (Buffalo location: not yet dictated but will be contained in [redacted])

[redacted] on 6/22/59 additionally orally advised SA WILLIAM J. CONROY, JR., that at the 6/19/59 WWP meeting

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Albany (100-13260) (Info) (RM)
- 2 - New York (100-107111) (RM)
- 3 - Buffalo
 - (1 - 100-15691, WORKERS WORLD PARTY)
 - (1 - 100-4379-104, CP COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)

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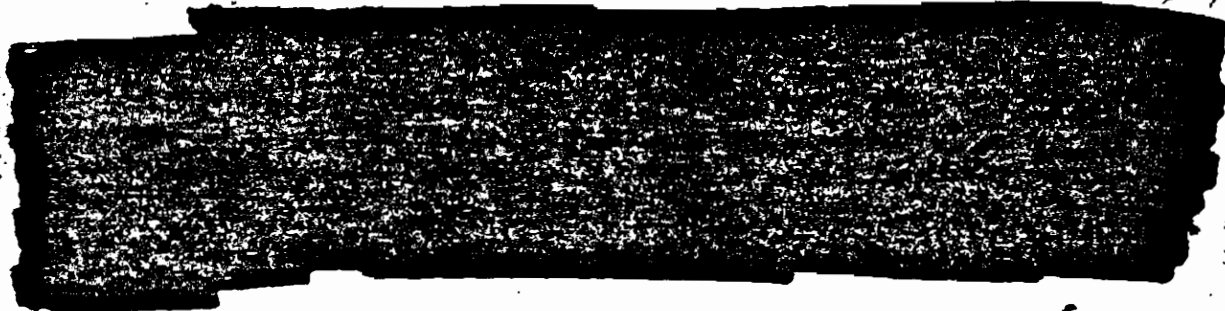
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LEWIN GRISWOLD, the present local Organizer of this group, publicly stated after the remarks of ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN, that the Buffalo Branch of the WWP would assist in setting up a Sobell committee in Buffalo. However, [REDACTED] stated that in his opinion GRISWOLD's remark had been intended only for public consumption and that the WWP had no intention of devoting efforts at this time to the formation of a Sobell Committee, since such a project would result in the weakening of the work of the Mothers Alliance (a front of the WWP in Buffalo which has been extremely active in local segregation issues).

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The above information indicates (1) that no committee exists locally now, but that the National Sobell Committee is interested in Buffalo; and (2) that if a committee comes into being it may well be a Trotskyite operation rather than a CP supported situation.

This office will maintain contact with Trotskyite and CP sources. If a committee should actually be formed, Buffalo will surep.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
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ReBulet 7/1/59.

A letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination is currently in the process of being prepared and will reach the Bureau prior to July 15, 1959.

2 - Bureau (100-387835) (RM)
① New York (100-107111) (41)

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (100-9258)

RE: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
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CITIZEN

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b7d It might be noted that [REDACTED] *b7d*
[REDACTED] according to preliminary plans SOBELL
would be in Portland on July 26 and 27.

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2-New York (RM)(AM)
2-Portland (100-9258)
(100-9004)

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)(#41)

DATE: 7/14/59

FROM : SA ROBERT O. JOHNSON (#42)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
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On 6/24/59, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), furnished the following which are filed as indicated, to SA JOHNSON:

100-107111-1B963 - a pamphlet advertising "All Nations Picnic, Sunday, June 28 Camp Midvale Wanaque, New Jersey", which reflects tickets available at the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, 49 East 21st Street, New York 10, N.Y.

100-107111-1B964 - a pamphlet entitled "There is a Third Side to the Rosenberg - Sobell Case" by IRWIN EDELMAN.

100-107111-1B965 - a pamphlet entitled "Let's Fight! Struggle Alone Will Free Morton Sobell.", which indicates it was issued by the N.Y. Provisional Organizing Committee for the Reconstitution of a Marxist-Leninist Communist Party.

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[REDACTED] advised orally on 6/24/59, that all of the above were obtained at the rally sponsored by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell at Webster Hall on 6/19/59.

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1 - New York [REDACTED]
 1 - New York (100-3620)(ACPFB)(#41)
 1 - New York (100-129553)(CAMP MIDVALE)(#41#)
 1 - New York [REDACTED] b7c
 1 - New York (100-136075)(POC)(#41b)
 1 - New York (100-107111)(#41)

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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are exempt from disclosure, in *their* entirety, under (b)(7)(D) as information contained in this serial would identify an informant to whom an expressed promise of confidentiality has been given. This information includes dates and places of meetings which were attended by a limited number of people known to the informant and/or information from these meetings and situations in which an informant was in close contact with members of these organizations, disclosure of which would reveal his identity.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648)

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES SOBELL COMMITTEE
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OO Los Angeles

DATE: 7/14/59

Rebulet to Los Angeles, dated 7/2/59 captioned as above; Los Angeles airtels to Bureau dated 6/26, 28, and 29/59, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a memorandum suitable for dissemination which includes pertinent data furnished in referenced airtels and reports received from [redacted] on [redacted]. Most of the information furnished in this memorandum is from [redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past. [redacted] furnished the information to SAS SAM J. SHCEMAKER and LLOYD D. JOHNSON.

The information regarding the speeches given at the Los Angeles Sobell Committee banquet was furnished by LA 3582-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to SA LLOYD D. JOHNSON.

The dissemination memorandum has been stamped confidential because data reported from [redacted] could reasonably result in identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and data reported from LA 3582-S* could reveal an investigative technique.

- 2 - Bureau (Encl. 8) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - New York (100-107111) (NCSJMS) (Encl. 1) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Phoenix (100-4333) (IASC) (Encl. 1) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Portland (REGISTERED) (Encl. 1)
- 1 - San Francisco (100-351117) (BACSC) (Encl. 1) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - San Diego (100-9380) (SDSC) (Encl. 1) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Seattle (Seattle Sobell Committee) (Encl. 1) (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Los Angeles

(1 - [redacted])

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Offices referred to in referenced Los Angeles airtels,
please advise Los Angeles office of the identity of delegates
and results of the conference when known.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 100-41648

1340 West 6th Street
Los Angeles 17, California

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July 14, 1959

LOS ANGELES SOBELL COMMITTEE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On June 25, 1959, an informant who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised there would be a Western Regional Organization Conference associated with the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell on the weekend of June 26 - 28, 1959. Informant stated there would be a reception-type meeting and banquet on June 27, 1959, and a work meeting on June 28, 1959. Delegates were expected from Vancouver, British Columbia; Seattle, Washington; San Francisco, California; and possibly Phoenix, Arizona. The purpose of the conference was to discuss future activity and fund raising methods for the Sobell Committees.

On July 10, 1959, an informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information concerning the conference:

On June 26, 1959, a reception at 2450 Armstrong Avenue, Los Angeles, California, between 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. was held for delegates to the Regional Conference [REDACTED]

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RE: LOS ANGELES SOBELL COMMITTEE

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With the exception of a short speech about the historic role the Sobell Committees were playing the evening was social.

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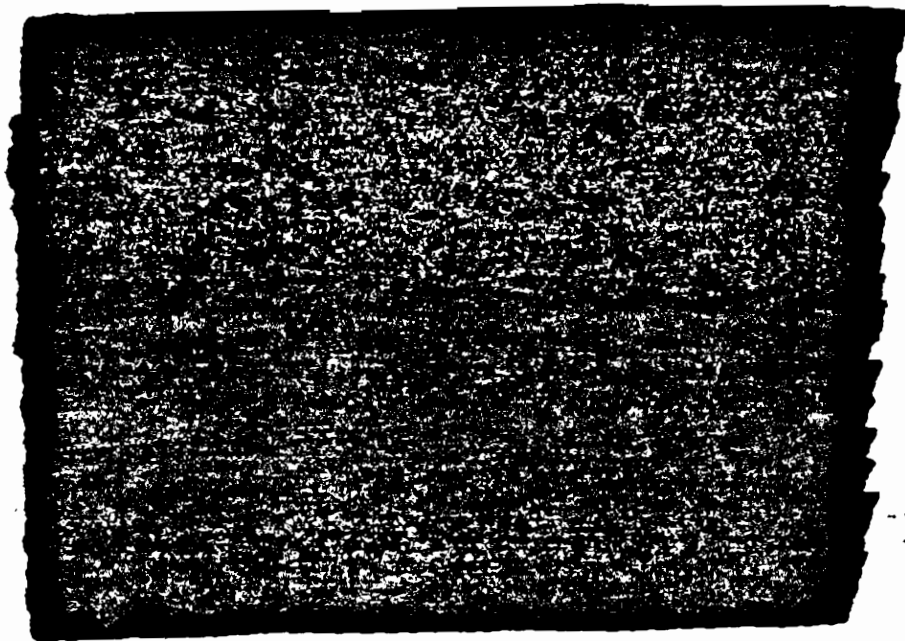
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RE: LOS ANGELES SOBELL COMMITTEE



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On June 27, 1959, the IASC regional banquet was held from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Embassy Auditorium Banquet Room, 847 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles.

Another informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the program after the dinner was as follows:

At 9:20 p.m. Reverend ERWIN GAEDE chaired the program and gave a speech on his midwest tour for the Sobell Committee.

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RE: LOS ANGELES SOBELL COMMITTEE

Reverend GAEDE talked about his success in his tour and his pleasure over the deep interest and concern displayed about MORTON SOBELL. JOYCE JAMES, a folk singer, sang two songs. Reverend GAEDE was presented with a plaque from the IASC in appreciation of the work he was doing for MORTON SOBELL.

HARRY RANKIN from Canada was to have given a report on the Regional Conference on June 27, 1959, but stated he felt a group like this was entitled to more than an organizational report. RANKIN recalled the time when he and others, at the time of the execution of the ROSENBERGS, went to the American Consulate in Vancouver to picket. RANKIN compared SOBELL's case with the SACCO-VANZETTI case and the DREYFUS case. RANKIN stated he was sure that SOBELL would be vindicated just as today no one believes DREYFUS was guilty. RANKIN pointed out that guilty people don't have committees set up prepared to fight on and on. RANKIN said people are becoming convinced that this should not have happened and stated it was a privilege to fight in the campaign for MORTON SOBELL. Reverend PETER MC CORMACK then spoke about "MORTON SOBELL, The Man." MC CORMACK spoke about his acquaintance with SOBELL while he, MC CORMACK, was Chaplain at Alcatraz prison.

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RE: LOS ANGELES SOBELL COMMITTEE

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SAC (100-37667)

7/15/59

SA JEREMIAH W. DOYLE

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SAs JEREMIAH W. DOYLE and WILLIAM F. MC LAUGHLIN of the following. This information was dictated [redacted] into statement form, typed by Stenographer ROSANNE CHRISTINZIO [redacted] and was then read and initialed by the informant on [redacted] It is maintained in [redacted]

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"Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
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① New York (RM)
1 - 100-107111 (COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE)

7 - Philadelphia
1 - 100-37667

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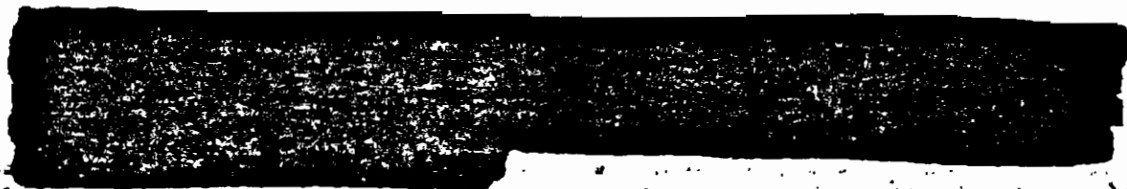
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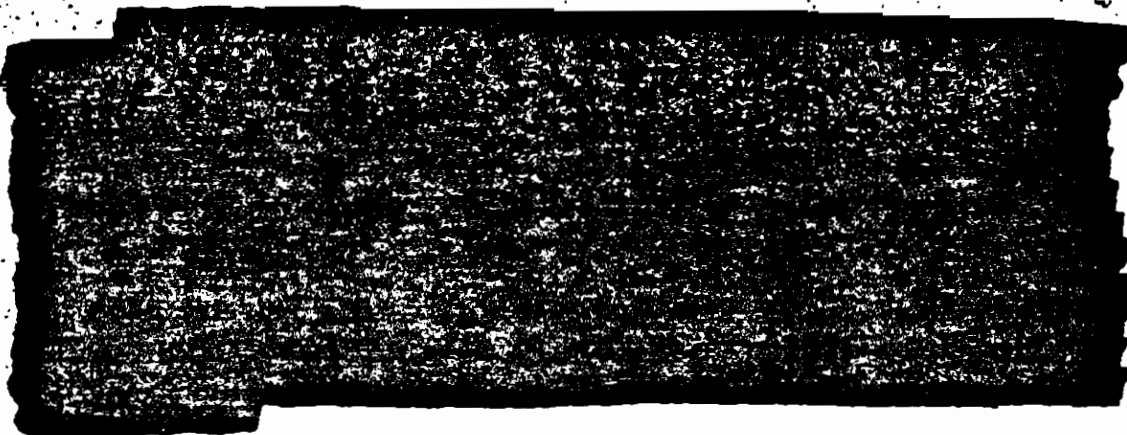
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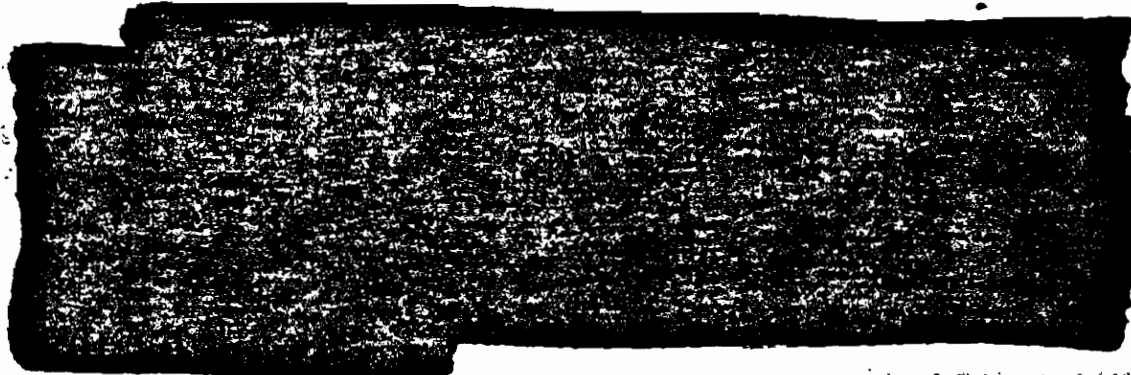
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A summary of the above information was furnished
the Bureau and New York by CINAL dated [REDACTED]

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

7/15/59

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
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ReBulet, 7/1/59.

Attached hereto is a letterhead memorandum, suitable for dissemination, concerning a public meeting of captioned organization held 6/19/59, in New York City.

b7d { The confidential source furnishing information set forth in this letterhead memorandum is [redacted] who furnished the information to SA CHARLES MARTEL HALE as set forth in [redacted]

b7d { The second confidential source utilized is [redacted] who furnished the information to SA DAVID RYAN as set forth in [redacted]. The third confidential source utilized is [redacted] who furnished the information to SA DAVID RYAN as set forth in [redacted]. The other confidential sources furnishing information concerning this meeting were:

b7d [redacted] to SA RAYMOND E. SHEPHERD as set forth in [redacted]; [redacted] to SA ROBERT C. BURNS as set forth in [redacted]; and [redacted] to SA ROBERT C. BURNS as set forth in [redacted].

One copy of this cover letter and the letterhead memorandum is being furnished to the Atlanta and New Haven offices because of the presence in their division of MURRAY BRANCH of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, and THOMAS EMERSON of Yale University.

- 2-Bureau (100-387835) (Encls 5) (RM)
- 1-Atlanta [redacted] (Encls 1) (RM) *62*
- 1-New Haven [redacted] (Encls 1) (RM)
- ①-New York (100-107111)

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New York, New York

Bureau 100-387835
New York 100-107111

July 15, 1959

**National Committee to Secure
Justice for Morton Sobell
Internal Security-C**

A characterization of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (C-SJ) may be found in the Appendix Section hereto. U

On page 6 of the June 27, 1959 issue of the "National Guardian" is a news-type article entitled "1,000 at rally for Sobell in New York" which reports that more than 1,000 persons attended a meeting at Webster Hall, New York City, on June 19, 1959, six years after the execution of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, to help Professor Thomas T. Noonan of Yale Law School, Horace Kallon of the New School for Social Research, and Murray Branch of Atlanta's Warehouse College, win freedom for Morton Sobell. According to this article, talks were also given by Helen Sobell, wife, and Rose Sobell, mother. The article reports that Professor Branch said that Sobell did not receive a fair trial and called for reopening the case or clemency for Sobell; Doctor Kallon called the case against Sobell weak and urged presidential commutation of sentence; Rose and Helen Sobell discussed life with Sobell and the events of June 19, 1953, the night that the Rosenbergs were executed. According to the article, close to \$2,000 was contributed to the committee by the audience. 4

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1-New York (100-107111)

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**National Committee to Secure
Justice for Morton Sobell**

A characterization of the "National Guardian" may
be found in the Appendix Section hereto. 4

A confidential source advised on June 26, 1959,
that a meeting, sponsored by the CJSF, was held in New
York City at Webster Hall on June 19, 1959, [REDACTED]

572 [REDACTED] This source furnished a resume of the activities
and speeches: Professor Thomas I. Emerson of Yale University,
chairman of the meeting, attacked the prosecution and convict-
ing of Sobell as illegal and pleaded for the release of Sobell;
Professor Murray Branch of Atlanta's Morehouse College, said
the co-defendants and Sobell were the victims of Anti-semitic
prejudice and pleaded for reopening the case or commutation
of sentence; Rose Sobell, mother, told of Sobell's youth;
Helen Sobell, wife, spoke on her personal hardships since
Sobell's conviction, how she desired children and this was
denied her, of her struggle to obtain his release, and
pleaded for contributions; and, Professor Horace Kallen of
the New School for Social Research, pleaded for the formation
of a commission to review the case impartially and publish
its findings.

A second confidential source advised on June 29,
1959, that the CJSF held a meeting at Webster Hall, New
York City, on June 19, 1959, at which an admission charge of
\$1.00 was requested. This source advised that the speakers,
who included Professor Emerson of Yale, Murray Branch of
Atlanta, Georgia, Helen and Rose Sobell, and Horace Kallen
of New York City, protested the conviction and imprisonment
of Sobell, appealed for funds to fight for reversal of his
conviction and pleaded for presidential commutation of
sentence. This source advised that the speakers claimed
that government witnesses lied during the trial in return
for not being prosecuted themselves.

A third confidential source advised on June 22,
1959, that a public meeting of the CJSF was held June 19,

**National Committee to Secure
Justice for Morton Sobell**

1957, in New York City, which was attended by approximately 900 persons. This source advised that the speaker claimed that Sobell and the Rosenberg were innocent, the victims of mass hysteria due to an unfair press, and demanded re-opening of the case or clemency for Sobell.

Other confidential sources advised on various dates that they had attended a public meeting of the CSJM on June 19, 1957, at Webster Hall in New York City, and furnished substantially the same information as recorded above.

Appendix

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case:

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Appendix

NATIONAL GUARDIAN

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

- "1. 'Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly. * * * Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, p. 12)"

New York, New York
July 15, 1959

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New York 100-107111

Committee to Sec-re Justice
for Morton Sobell
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Reference is made to the letterhead memorandum dated
and captioned as above at New York.

All confidential sources furnishing information
utilized in the preparation of this letterhead memorandum are
characterized as having furnished reliable information in the
past.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

7/16/59

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

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FOR MORTON SOBELL
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ReBulet, 7/2/59, which advised that the Bureau had received a copy of a four page throwaway newspaper dated July, 1959, which was issued by captioned organization and which Bulet requested that earlier editions of throwaway newspapers issued by captioned organization be made available.

Enclosed herewith are two positive Photostats of each of five earlier editions of throwaway newspapers issued by captioned organization. The originals are being maintained in the files of the NYO and the location of each original is being listed for easy location.

Item

1. Two positive Photostats of a four page throwaway newspaper dated November, 1956, entitled, "Morton Sobell Prisoner on Our Conscience" location NY file 100-107111-1B902.
2. Two positive Photostats of a four page throwaway newspaper dated August, 1957, entitled, "That Justice Shall Be Done" location NY file 100-107111-1B838.
3. Two positive Photostats of a four page throwaway newspaper dated February, 1958, entitled, "That Justice Shall Be Done" location NY file 100-107111-1B885.
4. Two positive Photostats of a four page throwaway newspaper dated April, 1958, entitled, "That Justice Shall Be Done" location NY 100-107111-1B905.

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5. Two positive Photostats of a four page throwaway newspaper dated June, 1958, entitled, "That Justice Shall Be Done" location NY 100-107111-1B913.

In order to complete the files of the Bureau, two positive Photostats of the four page throwaway newspaper dated July, 1959, which completes the group available in the NYO, is enclosed as Item #6.

It is to be noted that this newspaper throwaway has been issued sporadically since the first issue in November, 1956, and no information has been received from informants active in captioned organization indicating that a regularly scheduled publication was planned. Informants of the NYO have been alerted and future copies will be promptly made available when received.

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to prevent an unwarranted invasion of privacy of third parties.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)
SUBJECT : NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR HORTON SOBELL
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Enclosed herewith are five copies of letterhead memorandum to the Bureau.

letterhead memo
This/is being classified CONFIDENTIAL

[REDACTED] and, therefore, could jeopardize the informant's identity. *b7d*

On 7/15/59, [REDACTED] *b7d* who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the information contained in attached letterhead memorandum.

3-Bureau (100-387835) (Encls. 5) (RM)
1-New York [REDACTED] *b7d*
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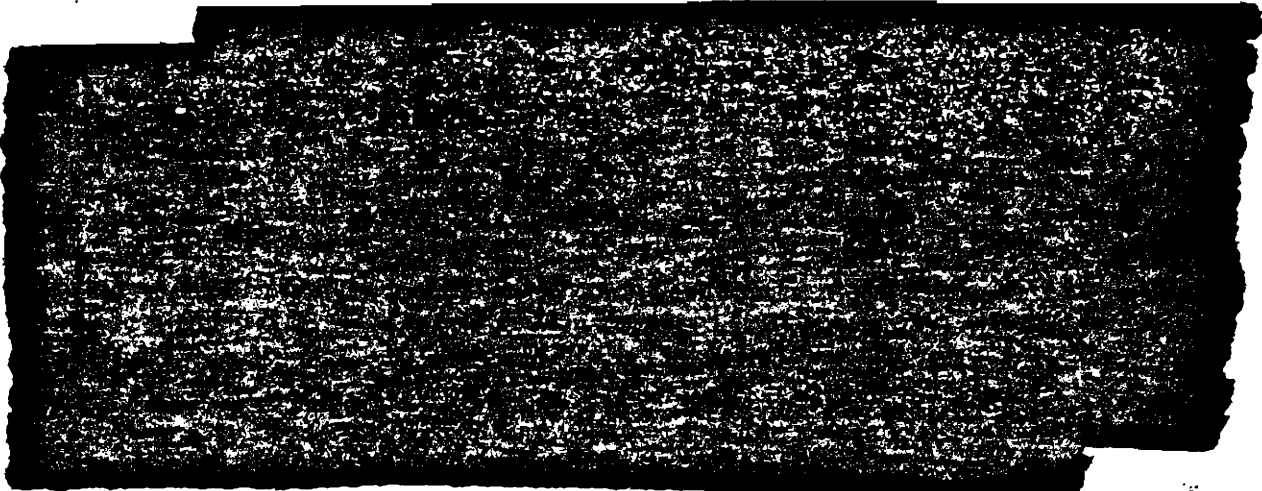
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Re: National Committee to Secure Justice
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

"Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case." National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were Daniel Marshall and Joseph Brainin.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)"

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C1931)(#421)

DATE: 7/17/59

FROM : SA ROGER O'MARA (#421)

SUBJECT: EAST BRONX SECTION
BRONX COUNTY CP
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- 1 - New York [REDACTED]
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- 1 - New York (100-129553) (CAMP MIDVALE) (#412)
- 1 - New York (100-107111) (NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR NORTON SOBELL) (#41)
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Identity of Source [REDACTED] ^{b-1} who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal)

Description of Info [REDACTED] b1

Date Received 6/30/59

Received By SA ROGER O'MARA (orally)

Original Located [REDACTED] ^{b-1}

The following information was furnished on 6/30/59 and authenticated by [REDACTED] on 7/13/59.

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A copy of informant's report follows:

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June 30, 1959

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The main topic of discussion at this meeting was the hospital strike. Everyone present was urged to support the strikers in their demands for a living wage and better working conditions. Arrangements were made to have those present join in the picket lines. LOUISE SANCHEZ gave SHELDON MADDOX a sign and requested him to take it to the Bronx Hospital and display it in the picket line. MIMI FRIEDLANDER gave a report on Political Affairs and BEN RATNER announced a Sobell Committee meeting to be held at Camp Midvale, the Sunday after Father's Day. There was also a discussion on a memorial service to be held for NATHAN RICHMAN on June 28, 1959. GAIL DAVIDOW was chairman of this meeting.

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Reporting Office SAN DIEGO	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date JUL 20 1959	Investigative Period 6/1 - 7/14/59
TITLE OF CASE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka San Diego Sobell Committee, Morton Sobell Defense Committee, Sobell Defense Committee, San Diego Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell		Report made by CHARLES J. POWELL	Typed By: mid
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

Synopsis:
REFERENCE: Report of SA RUSSELL P. CURTIS dated 12/31/58 at San Diego

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LEADS

LOS ANGELES (INFORMATION)

One copy of instant report is being furnished to Los Angeles for information.

SAN DIEGO

Will continue to follow and report the activities of the San Diego Sobell Committee.

Approved	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below
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IDENTITY OF INFORMANTS

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>File Number Where Located</u>
SD T-1 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Orally
SD T-2 is [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
SD T-3 is [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Orally
SD T-4 is [REDACTED] Conceal by request	Orally [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
SD T-5 is [REDACTED]	SD 100-9380-230 [REDACTED]
SD T-6 is [REDACTED]	SD 100-9380-230 [REDACTED]
SD T-7 is [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
SD T-8 is [REDACTED]	Orally
SD T-9 is [REDACTED]	Orally

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed. "T" symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identity of the informants must be concealed.

This report is classified "Confidential" since data reported from [REDACTED] inclusive could reasonably result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise the effectiveness thereof. 472

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Copy to: 1 - DIO, 11th Naval District, San Diego
1 - CIC, 115th Detachment, San Diego
1 - OSI, Maywood

Report of: CHARLES J. POWELL
Date: JUL 20 1959

Office: SAN DIEGO

File Number: San Diego 100-9380 Bureau 100-387835

Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka
San Diego Sobell Committee, Morton Sobell Defense Committee,
Sobell Defense Committee, San Diego Committee to Secure
Justice for Morton Sobell

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis:

[REDACTED]

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Informant advised [REDACTED] the SDSC was at that time held together by members of SWP, which organization was concerned over inactivity of SDSC during past several months. Informants advised in June 1959 SWP interested in keeping SDSC alive as recruiting medium for members into SWP. MILTON LESSNER reportedly chairman SDSC.

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DETAILS:

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

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b1 [REDACTED]

SD T-2 and SD T-3 advised on September 17, 1958 that as of that date CHARLES and ELSIE JAQUES and MILTON LESSNER were members of the SDCCP.

b7d SD T-2 and SD T-3 advised [REDACTED] that MIRIAM STARCEVIC was former Chairman of the SDCCP who was expelled from the SDCCP on April 9, 1959.

b7d [REDACTED]

b7d [REDACTED]

b1 [REDACTED]

b7d SD T-4 advised [REDACTED] that LAURA SMITH attended a meeting of the SDSC [REDACTED]

b7d SD T-4 advised [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] LAURA SMITH attended a meeting of the SDSC.

b7d [REDACTED]

The Socialist Workers Party (SWP) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order 10450.

b7d [REDACTED] according to MILTON SLAKTER, 5243 San Bernardino Terrace, San Diego, California, who [REDACTED] was a member and co-organizer of the San Diego branch of the SWP, members of the San Diego branch of the SWP are active in the SDSC.

b7d [REDACTED] that the SDSC is currently held together by members of the SWP since most of the other people have left the SDSC.

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SD T-8 and SD T-9 advised on June 17, 1959 that the SDSC planned to have a breakfast on July 12, 1959 at 4551 North Avenue, San Diego. MIRIAM STARCEVIC is Food Chairman and MILTON LESSNER is Chairman of the SDSC. ABE ROBBINS, SWP member, is active in the SDSC. The SWP is currently interested in the SDSC and is making every effort to keep the SDSC alive as a method of recruiting and attracting the liberals and progressives in the San Diego area into the SWP. The SWP has been concerned over the inactivity of the SDSC during the past several months.

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The CP has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

San Diego, California

SD 100-9380

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-97078)

7/20/59

SA GEORGE P. BAXTRUM, JR.

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7/25

SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY-NY LOCAL
IS-SWP

On 7/8/59, CSNY 496-S who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA GEORGE P. BAXTRUM, JR., the information set forth below.

Strict care must be exercised so that the existence of this important source of information will not become known to any outside agency. It is also to be noted that because of the nature of this source of information it will be impossible to recontact the source regarding information furnished.

The following disposition is being made of the original exhibit:

Place in NY file #100-97078 as an attachment to instant memo.

Description of Exhibit: City letter of NY Local, SWP, dated 6/15/59, and signed by TOM KERRY, Local Chairman. The letter reads as follows:

"City Letter

"June 15, 1959

"1. Class: The first session of the class on 'Marxist Theory and the Class Struggle' will begin at 8 PM this Wednesday, June 17 at 116 University Pl. The class will be led by Murry Weiss and will be open to members and friends of of party. A donation of \$1.00 is asked to cover the entire series of six classes or 25¢ for each individual session. Registration for the class can be made through the City Office.

1-NY [redacted] b7c
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1-NY 100-10711 (SOBELL COMMITTEE) (41)
1-NY 100-135320 (UNSC) (413)
1-NY [redacted] b7c
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- "2. Convention delegates: The final selection of delegates and alternates will take place at this weeks meeting.
- "3. Sobell meeting: Well known speakers from the New School, Morehouse College and Yale University Law School will be heard at the Sobell Committee meeting at Webster Hall, 119 E. 11 St., this Friday night at 8 PM. Tickets can be gotten through the City Office. A contribution of \$1 is being asked for the meeting.
- "4. UI-SC picnic: The United Independent-Socialist Committee picnic at the McManus home in Montrose is this Saturday, June 20 from 12:00 - 6:00. A \$3.00 ticket gets you in to the picnic and buys you a super-beefsteak dinner with steaks broiled by Jack McManus at his outdoor barbecue pit. For transportation information call UI-SC office (Or 5-9736). Tickets are available in the City Office.
- "5. Branch meeting: Discussion on the Chinese Communes.
- "6. Note: There will be no branch meeting next week, Thursday, June 25. The Convention opens on Friday, June 26.

"Fraternally,

/s/ "Tom Kerry
"Tom Kerry
"Local Chairman"

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: JUL 20 1959

FROM : FRANCIS J. SANDIN

SUBJECT: SOBELL COMMITTEE OF GREAT NECK
IS - C

On 6/23/59, there was received through the mail addressed to the FBI, Mineola, NY, from an unidentified individual an envelope containing the following invitation:

"You are cordially invited to attend a Mother's Day Luncheon in honor of our favored mother Mrs. ROSE SOBELL and to participate in the drawing of our famous painting-- Luncheon- 12 noon, May 8, 1959 at 5 Sheffield Road, Great Neck, N.Y. - Admission \$5.00 ---- Sobell Committee of Great Neck."

The above is filed in 100-97576-1A3.

The current Nassau telephone directory lists STANLEY PAULKNER, 5 Sheffield Road, Great Neck.

Also received in same envelope was a flyer announcing a meeting to be held May 2, 1959, at 9:00 pm at 151 Schenck Ave., Great Neck. Mr. LOU BURNHAM, Civil Liberties editor of the Guardian, and LLOYD GOUGH, concertina player, were the announced guests.

The above is filed in 100- 34032-1A20.

ALFRED L. SALZBERG, DDS, resides at 151 Schenck Ave., Great Neck, according to Nassau telephone directory.

- 1 - New York [REDACTED]
- 1 - New York [REDACTED]
- 1 - New York [REDACTED]
- 1 - New York [REDACTED]
- 1 - New York [REDACTED]
- 1 - New York (100- [REDACTED]) (NATIONAL GUARDIAN)
- 1 - New York (100-26603-645) (NASSAU COUNTY CP) (414)
- 1 - New York (100- [REDACTED]) (SOBELL COMMITTEE OF GREAT NECK) (414)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)(#41)

DATE: 7/21/59

FROM : SA RAYMOND E. SHEPHERD (#42)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
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Identity of Source

[REDACTED] ^{b-1} who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal)

Description of Info

[REDACTED] ⁵¹

Date Received

7/10/59, ^{b-1}

Received By

SA RAYMOND E. SHEPHERD (written)

Original Located

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A copy of informant's report follows:

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Director, FBI (100-387835)

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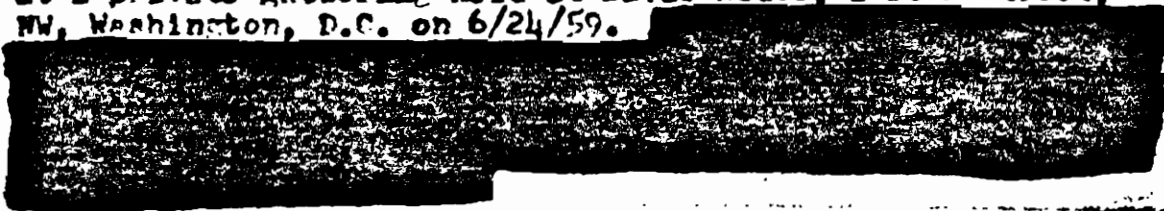
SAC, Philadelphia (100-37667)
(100-44281)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS - C; ISA of 1950
OO: New York

MILNOR ALEXANDER
SI - C
OO: Philadelphia

Re WFO airtel to Director dated 6/25/59 captioned
"National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell,
IS - C; ISA of 1950" which includes letterhead memo
captioned "Miss MILNOR ALEXANDER."

This memo set forth information relative to a
speech of Miss MILNOR ALEXANDER in behalf of MORTON SOBELL
at a private gathering held at Davis House, 1822 R Street,
NW, Washington, D.C. on 6/24/59.



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WFO requested a current documentation for Miss
MILNOR ALEXANDER.

The Philadelphia Office does not have a current
documentation of MILNOR ALEXANDER. The files of the
Philadelphia Division reflect the following information:

On 3/20/59 ^{b7d} who has furnished reliable
information in the past, advised that a Miss (PNU) ALEXANDER
attended a meeting of the Philadelphia Sobell Committee on
3/16/59 at 5745 North Fairhill Street, Philadelphia.
According to the informant, this Miss (PNU) ALEXANDER had

- 2 - Bureau (100-387835) (RM)
- 2 - WFO (100-25474) (RM)
- ① - New York (100-107111) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - San Francisco
- 1 - Los Angeles
- 2 - Philadelphia (1 - 100-37667)
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recently moved to the Philadelphia area from California and was employed as a counselor at Bryn Mawr College. It was announced at this meeting that Miss ALEXANDER was a very good friend of HELEN SOBELL and planned to travel with HELEN SOBELL.

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On 6/15/59 [REDACTED] identified (FNU) ALEXANDER as MILNOR ALEXANDER and advised that she was then employed as a housemother at Bryn Mawr College. The informant could furnish no additional pertinent information.

By letter dated 6/25/59 captioned "MILNOR ALEXANDER, SM - C" Philadelphia requested Los Angeles and San Francisco Divisions to furnish Philadelphia with any pertinent information contained in their files concerning MILNOR ALEXANDER.

If either Los Angeles or San Francisco has a current documentation of MILNOR ALEXANDER, it should be furnished to WFO.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)
 FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (100-9258)
 RE: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
 JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
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ORIGINAL

b7d [redacted] advised this date that present plans indicate that Mrs. HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL, will be in Portland from July 28 to August 1 as part of her tour on behalf of her husband.

Arrangements for her visit in Portland are being engineered by Mrs. ROSE LEOPOLD, who for some years has been virtually a one-man Sobell committee in Portland, and by Mrs. ELBERTA WOLLAM, long-time active CP member.

Only events planned to date include a reception for Mrs. SOBELL on the night of Friday, July 31, and a dinner on Saturday, Aug. 1. Both are tentatively set for Mrs. LEOPOLD's home. A charge of \$3.00 per plate will be made for the dinner. Invitations are to be sent out for the dinner.

MILNES

3-Bureau (RM)(AM)
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 2-Portland (100-9258)
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TITLE OF CASE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL LOCAL AFFILIATE; MINNESOTA COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL		REPORT MADE BY EWALD I. CARLSON	TYPED BY ST
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REFERENCE

Report of SA EWALD I. CARLSON, Minneapolis, dated 2/13/59.

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AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA:

Will submit report in six months regarding activities of the
Minnesota Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL.

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Copy to: ONI, Chicago (RM)
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Report of: SA ERNARD I. CARLSON **Office:** MINNEAPOLIS
Date: 7/27/59

File Number: MP 100-8894
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Title NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

LOCAL AFFILIATE: MINNESOTA COMMITTEE
TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C and SWP

Synopsis: Local Affiliates of Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell urged by National Committee to provide better organization and more financial support. Branch of Minnesota Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell reportedly organized in Duluth, Minn. Officers with the exception of recording secretary remain the same. Working Committee of the Minnesota Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL continues to meet on a regular basis. Principle activity of committee during early part of 1959 has been the sponsorship of a business meeting featuring Reverend GOEDE of Los Angeles, California who has been touring United States in behalf of MORTON SOBELL. Portion of Money collected by Minnesota Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell forwarded to National Committee. Minnesota Committee still controlled and dominated by SWP locally.

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DETAILS:

The Socialist Workers Party and the Communist Party have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

I. ORGANIZATION

A. Origin and Affiliation

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[REDACTED] on February 24, 1959 made available substantially the same information.

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A characterization of the Minnesota Committee for Protection of Foreign Born appears in the appendix attached hereto.

B. Officers

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[REDACTED] advised in June, 1959 that BILLIE MARKS is a current member of the Communist Party in the St. Paul, Minnesota area.

b7d On July 13, 1959, [REDACTED] advised that as of that date the officers of the Minnesota Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell were three in number with two social committee members. b7d [REDACTED] stated that JEAN BRUST was the chairman of the committee and was extremely active in its affairs and was in charge of all correspondence and National Committee business.

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b7d [REDACTED] also advised that the committee members who regularly attend meetings of the Sobell Committee are for the most part members of the SWP.

II. ACTIVITY

A. General

[REDACTED] on February 10, 1959 advised that a letter on the stationery of the Minnesota Sobell Committee signed by PAUL L. HOLMER, Professor of Philosophy, University of Minnesota, and honorary chairman of the Minnesota Sobell Committee was included as an enclosure in letters being sent to REED COZORT, U. S. Pardon Attorney, Washington, D. C. by various Sobell Committees in the United States.

[REDACTED] advised that the HOLMER letter was favorable to MORTON SOBELL but did not recommend any specific action.

[REDACTED] on March 19, 1959 advised that JEAN BRUST had announced that the Minnesota Sobell Committee was planning to sponsor a program featuring Professor WOOD of the University of Minnesota as the principal speaker.

[REDACTED] advised that this meeting would be held in the immediate future.

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A characterization of the National Committee appears in the appendix attached hereto.

[REDACTED] on May 12, 1959 advised that a book review was held in St. Paul, Minnesota under the sponsorship of the Minnesota Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL.

[REDACTED] stated that Professor WOOD of the German Department, of the University of Minnesota, was the guest speaker and reviewed the works of KÄTHE KOLLWITZ, the first German woman socialist.

On May 12, 1959, [REDACTED] reported substantially the same information and added that JEAN BRUST gave a short desertation on the MORTON SOBELL case at this affair held May 9, 1959.

B. Reverend GAEDE Tour of Minnesota

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On May 21, 1959, [REDACTED] and on April 22, 1959 [REDACTED] advised substantially the same information.

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On page 11, column 1 of the May 25, 1959 issue, the "National Guardian" under the heading of Minneapolis, there appeared an announcement of a meeting under the auspices of the Minnesota Committee to be held on May 28, 1959 at the First Unitarian Society, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The article reported that Reverend EDWIN A. GAEDE of Los Angeles, California would be the principal speaker.

On June 2, 1959, [redacted] advised that on May 28, 1959 a dinner was held at the Andrews Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota in honor of Reverend GAEDE. GAEDE as a principal speaker stated that the Minnesota Committee to Secure Justice for Merton Sobell was one of the most active committees in the country and that he had been treated most cordially by the press and TV. GAEDE also stated that he had found ready listeners in the clergy who had attended two of the luncheons that had been arranged for him at the campus of the University of Minnesota.

[redacted] on June 2, 1959 advised that on May 28, 1959 a meeting sponsored by the Minnesota Sobell Committee and featuring Reverend GAEDE as a principal speaker was held at the Unitarian Society, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

[redacted] advised that GAEDE in his speech stated that he was touring the country in behalf of MORTON SOBELL inasmuch as he felt that MORTON SOBELL was being unjustly held. GAEDE stated that any reasonable man reading the transcript of the trial of MORTON SOBELL could only conclude that the case against him was very weak and did not support a conviction.

[redacted] advised that Professor HOLMER, honorary chairman of the Minnesota Sobell Committee repeated in essence most of the points covered by Reverend GAEDE in his speech.

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[REDACTED] on June 2, 1959, advised substantially the same information and added that JEAN BRUST after the speech of Reverend GAEDE elaborated on his accomplishments while in the Twin Cities. JEAN BRUST stated that GAEDE had received wonderful publicity by the radio and TV and had appeared with success on the local night beat radio program.

[REDACTED] further advised that GAEDE had given a talk at the Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota, as well as to the students of the University of Minnesota and that all of his appearances had been well attended.

[REDACTED] also advised that during GAEDE's speech that Reverend GAEDE in answer to a heckler in the audience requested the heckler to read the transcript of the trial of MORTON SOBELL and consider whether he, the heckler, would convict an individual on only the testimony of one witness and that witness a perjurer.

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[REDACTED] on February 7, 1959 advised that on that date
fund raising social sponsored by the Minnesota Committee
to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBEL was held at the home
of ELAINE CARROLL.

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[REDACTED] on February 19, 1959 advised substantially the same information

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IV. RAMIFICATIONS

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[REDACTED] on February 3, 1959 made available substantially the same information.

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The "Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

[REDACTED] in July, 1959 advised that PAT GLEASON is in charge of the offices of the Minnesota Committee for Protection of Foreign Born during the afternoon period.

[REDACTED] on July 13, 1959 advised that there had been little change in the Minnesota Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the past year and that it continues to be under the control and domination of the Twin City Branch of the SWP.

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APPENDIX

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE

The Committee on Un-American Activities, in its report "Trial by Treason," dated August 25, 1956, page 124, cited the Chicago Sobell Committee as one of the local organizations active in the Communist propaganda campaign exploiting atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell:

1. Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June 1953, the 'Communist' campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell, the Rosenbergs' co-defendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case--a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States--was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.' National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were Daniel Marshall and Joseph Brainin. (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)"

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AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF
FOREIGN BORN (MINNESOTA COMMITTEE FOR
PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN)

A source advised on April 20, 1959, that the Minnesota Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (MCPFB) was organized in October, 1952, for the purpose of carrying out the aims and policies of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACPFB). According to the source, the Communist Party of Minneapolis supports the MCPFB to the extent of announcing forthcoming meetings of the MCPFB and urging Communist Party club members to attend these meetings.

Further, the same source stated the MCPFB continues to follow the policies set down by the ACPFB and is the Minnesota organization of the ACPFB, the latter organization having been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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"NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

The Committee on Un-American Activities, on page 12 of its report dated August 25, 1956, stated the "National Guardian" was established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly. The report continued by stating that although the "National Guardian" denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself, from the beginning, as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.

The Special Committee on Un-American Activities, in their report of March 29, 1944, stated that "for years the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control."

The Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, in its report dated April 23, 1956, states that "Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the American Labor Party. The Communists are thus able to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label."

On October 7, 1956, PETER HAWLEY, New York State Chairman, American Labor Party, publicly announced the American Labor state committee unanimously approved a resolution dissolving the organization and ordering the liquidation of its assets.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please
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Minneapolis, Minnesota

July 27, 1959

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
LOCAL AFFILIATE: MINNESOTA COMMITTEE
TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C and SWP

Confidential informants and sources referred to in the report of SA Ewald I. Carlson dated July 27, 1959, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, in captioned matter, have furnished reliable information in the past.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC (100-16691)
FROM: SA WILLIAM J. CONROY, JR.
SUBJECT: WORKERS WORLD PARTY
IS - WWP

DATE: JUL 27 1959

Source: [REDACTED] *b7d*
Reliability: Reliable
Conceal: Yes
Date of activity: 6/19/59
Date of report: 6/19/59
Date and manner received: 7/6/59 by mail
Agent receiving: WILLIAM J. CONROY, JR.
Retained: [REDACTED] *b7d*

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(1 - COMMITTEE TO FREE
MORTON SOBELL)

34 - Buffalo

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Buffalo, N.Y.
June 19, 1959

WORKERS WORLD PARTY

"I attended an open Civil Rights Meeting Friday evening, June 19, 1959 at 831 Main St., sponsored by the Buffalo Labor Forum (WORKERS WORLD PARTY). The main speaker was Dr. Annette Rubinstein who spoke on the fight to free from jail Morton Sobell, a young American scientist who was accused of being in a conspiracy to commit espionage and brought to trial with Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.

"There were about 43 present.



"Lew Griswold was Chairman of the meeting and introduced Vera Spruill as the first speaker. She reported the recent activities of the Mothers Alliance. She stated that the Mothers Alliance had won a victory from the W.T. Grant Company, which will result in the hiring of negro sales girls at the Main Street store. She spoke of the picket line at the Grant down-town store. She also stated that they formed a picket line at the Grant store on Jefferson Ave., Saturday, June 13. She stated that the Grant Company agreed to meet the Mothers Alliance on Tuesday, June 16 and a delegation called on the Manager, Mr. Mazuca. The appointment was made by Vincent Suitt, industrial secretary of the Buffalo Urban League, after the group had picketed the Grant Store on Jefferson Ave. Those present at the conference were Vera Spruill, Deirdre Griswold, Ruth Stone, Vincent Suitt, Robert Mazuca and Mr. Smitherman, editor of the EMPIRE STAR. The manager explained that he was from Philadelphia, having been in Buffalo only a short time and had been too busy to look into the policies of the store. The manager agreed to give Negro girls equal opportunity and they would begin screening sales girls for the Grant Store. They also distributed leaflets at the

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Saturday picket at the Grant Jefferson Ave., store.

"Lew Griswold then introduced Dr. Annette Rubinstein, the main speaker of the evening. She started by giving a brief history of the Ethel and Julius Rosenberg case. She stated that in 1950 Morton Sobell, wife and family were touring in Mexico. That the F.B.I. went down to Mexico and literally kidnapped the Sobell family. Sobell was accused of being in conspiracy to commit espionage and brought to trial with Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and the verdict at the time was guilty with 30 years imprisonment penalty. She stated the charges against Sobell were supported mainly by the testimony of a man named Max Elitcher. She stated Sobell was never implicated with atomic espionage for which the Rosenbergs are convicted, but the fact that he was tried with the Rosenbergs made it difficult to separate the two cases and recognize the different character of the two charges. She said that Sobell has now served nearly 8 years in prison, 6 of them in Alcatraz.

"Dr. Rubinstein stated that the prison chaplain at Alcatraz, Rev. McCormack, a Presbyterian minister, fully believes that Morton Sobell is innocent. Shortly after Rev. McCormack made public his belief that Sobell was innocent he was let out of Alcatraz. He is now working in his behalf and giving talks throughout the country. She stated that many clergymen have signed up asking for the release of Morton Sobell. Dr. Rubinstein asked the Buffalo people to try to get signatures of clergymen in Buffalo. Also to form a committee and work for the release of Morton Sobell and third to help financially. There was a collection taken up [REDACTED]

"There was a short discussion from the floor and the meeting adjourned for the social part of the meeting about 9:40."

RECOMMENDATION:

[REDACTED] 6/7d

No action is being recommended concerning any of the unknown individuals in attendance at this meeting due to the lack of identifying data.

Copies of instant memorandum are being furnished to New York City to record the presence of ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN in the Buffalo area.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111).

DATE: 27 JUL 1959

FROM : SA DAVID RYAN

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
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On 6/19/59, [REDACTED] ^{b7d} who has furnished reliable information in the past, (conceal) attended a public meeting sponsored by the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, 940 Broadway, NYC, that was held at Webster Hall in NYC.

On 6/22/59, [REDACTED] ^{b7d} made available the following documents that were distributed at this meeting:

1. A reprint from the April, 1959 edition of "The Intercollegian" (published by the National Student Council of the YMCA and YWCA) entitled, "The Case of Morton Sobell." This document may be located as exhibit 1B955 of NY 100-107111.
2. A two page printed statement on the MORTON SOBELL case by CARLETON BEALS. This document consists of a letter directed to Mrs. SOBELL, regarding her husband's case. This document may be located as exhibit 1B956 of NY 100-107111.
3. A reprint of a text of an independent plea for MORTON SOBELL which was reported in the "New York Times" on 2/22/59. This document may be located as exhibit 1B957 of NY 100-107111.
4. A pamphlet entitled, "Christianity And Crisis" which is self-described as a Christian Journal of opinion. Page 91 of this publication contains an article entitled, "A New Look at the Sobell Case." This document may be located as exhibit 1B958 of NY 100-107111.

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5. The July, 1959 edition of a tabloid size publication entitled, "Today's Verdict", which is self-described as published by the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL. This publication may be located as exhibit 1B959 of NY 100-107111.
6. A mimeographed throwaway announcing memorial services for ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG on the sixth anniversary of their death. These memorial services are set out as being held at Wildwood Cemetery, Pinelawn, L.I., on 6/21/59, at 2:00 p.m. This document may be located as exhibit 1B960 of NY 100-107111.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648) DATE: 7/27/59

FROM: SA SAM J. SHOEMAKER

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES SOBELL
COMMITTEE (LASC)
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who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be concealed.

Informant furnished the following report:

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- cc: 2 - San Francisco [REDACTED] - REGISTERED
(BAY AREA SOBELL COMMITTEE)
- 4 - Seattle (SEATTLE SOBELL COMMITTEE) - REGISTERED
- 2 - Phoenix (PHOENIX SOBELL COMMITTEE) - REGISTERED
- 1 - New York (NATIONAL SOBELL COMMITTEE) - REGISTERED

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ACTION: Informant was thoroughly interviewed and could add nothing further to the above.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-97078)(413)

7/21/59

SA ARTHUR J. GREENE, JR. (413)

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Identity of Source: [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of Info: "City Letter" dated 6/15/59

Date received: 7/10/59

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Original location: NY 100-97078-2428

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- 1 - NY 100-135320 (ISP)(413)
- 1 - [REDACTED] *b7c*
- 1 - NY 100-97078 (413)

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City Letter

June 15, 1959

1. Class: The first session of the class on "Marxist Theory and the Class Struggle" will begin at 8 PM this Wednesday, June 17 at 116 University Pl. The class will be led by MURRY WEISS and will be open to both members and friends of of party. A donation of \$1.00 is asked to cover the entire series of six classes or 25¢ for each individual session. Registration for the class can be made through the City Office.

2. Convention delegates: The final selection of delegates and alternates will take place at this weeks meeting.

3. Sobell meeting: Well known speakers from the New School, Morehouse College and Yale University Law School will be heard at the Sobell Committee meeting at Webster Hall, 119 E. 11 St., this Friday night at 8 PM. Tickets can be gotten through the City Office. A contribution of \$1 is being asked for the meeting.

4. UI-SC picnic: The United Independent-Socialist Committee picnic at the MC MANUS home in Montrose is this Saturday, June 20 from 12:00 - 6:00. A \$3.00 ticket gets you in to the picnic and buys you a super-beefsteak dinner with steaks broiled by JACK MC MANUS at his outdoor barbacue pit. For transportation information call UI-SC office (GR 5-9736) Tickets are available in the City Office.

5. Branch meeting: Discussion on the Chinese Communes.

6. Note: There will be no branch meeting next week, Thursday June 25. The Convention opens on Friday, June 26.

Fraternally,

/s/ Tom Kerry
TOM KERRY
Local Chairman

7/28/59

PLAIN

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (100-9258)

RE: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
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RePD Cinal 7/21/59, concerning scheduled appearance HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL in Portland from 7/28/59 to 8/1/59, as part of tour on behalf of her husband, and for whom reception planned for night 7/31/59, and a dinner on 8/1/59.

[REDACTED] on 7/28/59, advised that HELEN SOBELL arrived Portland, 7/27/59. [REDACTED] reported 7/28/59, that HELEN SOBELL to be guest at a discussion group, open to public, to be held at YWCA, Wednesday Noon, 7/29/59; that arrangements made by Rev. MARK A. CHAMBERLIN, executive-secretary, Oregon Chapter, Methodist Federation for Social Action, for breakfast in honor HELEN SOBELL to be held Thursday morning, 7/29/59, at Campbell Court Hotel, Portland.

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"(1) -Workers World Party - Buffalo, N.Y., 6/19/59

"I attended an open Civil Rights meeting Frid. evening 6/19/59 at 831 Main St., at 8:00 PM.

[Large redacted block of text]

"Chairman was Lew Griswold who introduced Vera Spruill, who reported on recent activities of the Mothers Alliance, the picketing of W.T. Grants Jefferson Ave. and Main St. stores and the winning of concessions from Grants in the hiring of negroes.

"Griswold then introduced Annette Rubinstein of New York City who gave a brief history in the Ethel & Julius Rosenberg case leading up to the Morton Sobell case, his arrest and conviction. She stated the Sobell family were touring Mexico when the FBI went to Mexico and literally kidnapped them & returned them to the states. He was convicted by testimony of a perjurer Max Elicher. Rubenstein stated it was a frame up from start to finish and he was given 20 yrs, 6 yrs served in Alcatraz prison where only hardened criminals are committed, where he was constantly interviewed by the FBI. He has been returned to Atlanta prison. Rubenstein asked to form a committee, try to obtain signatures of clergymen and help financially to obtain a presidential pardon for Morton Sobell.


"The meeting was conducted by the Buffalo Labor Forum

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of the Workers World Party. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 for social & refreshments

RECOMMENDATION:

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No action is being recommended concerning any of the unknown individuals in attendance at this meeting due to the lack of identifying data.

Copies of instant memorandum are being furnished to New York City to record the presence of ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN in the Buffalo area.

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Report of SA PHILIP H. SHERIDAN dated 2/19/59, at New York.

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The physical surveillance on 7/23/59, which identified the Headquarters of the CSJMS as being Room D, 940 Broadway, NYC, was conducted by SA PHILIP H. SHERIDAN.

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At New York, New York

Will follow and report the activity of captioned organization as revealed through confidential informants and/or publicity releases.

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SA PHILIP H. SHERIDAN

Date:

7/31/59

Office: NEW YORK

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Title:

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Synopsis:

The National Headquarters of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL and the New York City Headquarters maintain rooms at 940 Broadway, Room D, NYC. Officers of record are HELEN L. SOBELL, President, and JENNIE RATNER, Secretary-Treasurer. Daily functioning of the National Committee is under the direction of TED JACOBS, LEAH SCHNEIDER and AARON KATZ in the New York City area, and WIDGE NEWMAN on the West Coast. Purpose of the Committee is to secure freedom for MORTON SOBELL by either Presidential pardon or commutation of sentence.

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DETAILS:

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE
ROSENBERG CASE

The "Guide To Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the National Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case:

"1. Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell,' the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case-- a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States-- was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and "then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case." National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were Daniel Marshall and Joseph Brainin.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30)"

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The National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL and the SOBELL Committee will be referred to in this report by the initials NCSJMS, CSJMS and SC where appropriate.

The Communist Party (CP), USA, and the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A. NATIONAL COMMITTEE

1. Location and Purpose

A physical surveillance by a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on July 23, 1959, reflected that the headquarters of the CSJMS are at 940 Broadway, New York City, that the mailbox in the lobby of this building is labelled "SOBELL Committee" and the building directory contains the listing "Room D - SOBELL Committee" and "--Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL".

New York T-1 advised on June 25, 1959, that the President of the SC was HELEN L. SOBELL and the Secretary-Treasurer was JENNIE RATNER.

The information furnished by New York T-1 is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

[REDACTED] identified, on February 2, 1944, HELEN GUREWITZ (HELEN SOBELL, Mrs. MORTON SOBELL), as a member of the Education and Literature Committee of the CP in Washington, D.C. as of February 1, 1944. b7D

[REDACTED] advised on June 10, 1955, that JENNIE RATNER had stated publicly [REDACTED] on various occasions that she (RATNER) was a member of the CP. b7D

[REDACTED] advised on May 28, 1959, that HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL, stated on May 22, 1959, that the primary motive of the SC at present was to obtain the release or parole of MORTON SOBELL and that the Committee would then try to obtain a pardon for him. b7D

2. Activities

[REDACTED] furnished the following summary of the activities and personnel of the CSJMS on February 11, 1959:

The National Headquarters of the CSJMS and the New York City Headquarters are in Room D, 940 Broadway, New York City; The Committee was formed after the execution of the ROSENBERGS for the purpose of securing the freedom of MORTON SOBELL; There are SOBELL Committee branches in most larger cities such as San Francisco, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, Chicago, Philadelphia, Minneapolis and Syracuse; The National Committee forms and coordinates the policies but each local committee is autonomous, self-supporting and implements the national policy in any way they see fit; The motivating force in the National Committee is the New York Committee with TED JACOBS, LEAH SCHNEIDER, JUDY SWETSKY and AARON KATZ being the nucleus of the New York Committee; The major workload is handled by the New York Office and all printing material comes from the New York Office; Local Committees collect funds and send to the National Office all funds over and above expenses but most of the money raised is by the New York Committee which supplies approximately 75 per cent of the money needed; The Committee is in dire need of funds and printing and mailings have been postponed because of lack of funds;

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[REDACTED] made available on March 20, 1959, memorandum number 40 dated February 13, 1959, on the letterhead of the CSJMS which states that BEN RATNER has been elected chairman of the New York SC.

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[REDACTED] advised on December 18, 1956, that WILLIAM WOLF was an "old party hack" who was active in the youth movement in the CP. [REDACTED] advised that she had not heard WOLF referred to as TED JACOBS.

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[REDACTED] advised that SWETSKY had never admitted CP membership but had mentioned interest in the activities of the Young Communist League (YCL).

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The YCL has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

New York T-8 advised on April 27, 1944, that AARON KATZ was a member of the CP for six years and had been transferred into the Waterfront Section of the CP on December 23, 1943. According to New York T-8, KATZ, in 1944, held CP membership book number 31250.

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New York T-12 advised on February 14, 1948, that WARREN BILLINGS had been expelled from the CP on a prior date not known to the informant.

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[REDACTED] advised on April 2, 1958, that JEAN BRUST was a current member of the SWP. b7D

On January 19, 1959, [REDACTED] advised that PEARL CHERTOV was currently a member of the Philadelphia Branch of the SWP. b7D

[REDACTED] advised on August 16, 1957, that JOHN GILMAN was at that time a current member of the CP. b7D

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[REDACTED] advised on January 17, 1955, that IRMA (WIDGE) NEWMAN was a member of the American Youth For Democracy (AYD) while attending New York University, New York City from 1943 to 1945. b7D

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advised that on June 24, 1959, in Washington, D. C., a Miss MILNOR ALEXANDER of Bryn Mawr Collège, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, gave a lecture to a group of approximately 15 individuals, representing local organizations in the area, and added that Miss ALEXANDER stated that she was currently traveling around the United States speaking to groups interested in obtaining the release of MORTON SOBELL from prison. [REDACTED] stated that Miss ALEXANDER emphasized the sentence SOBELL received and compared it with the relatively light sentence that KLAUS FUCHS of England received for the same crime. b7D

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that a National Conference of the CSJMS was tentatively scheduled for September, 1959, presumably to be held in New York City. b2

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[REDACTED] made available on June 15, 1959, a printed newspaper type throwaway newspaper dated July, 1959, entitled "Today's Verdict in the Case of MORTON SOBELL - Published by the NCSJMS" which lists the following adjunct committees: b7D

"NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, 940 Broadway, New York City, New York, Phone: AL 4-9983.

"LOS ANGELES SOBELL COMMITTEE, 462 North Western, Los Angeles, Cal., Phone: Hollywood 4-4725.

"BAY AREA COUNCIL OF SOBELL COMMITTEES, 345 Franklin, San Francisco, Cal., Phone: UN 1-1334.

"CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE, 20 West Jackson, Chicago, Ill., Phone: Webster 9-5992.

"SYRACUSE SOBELL COMMITTEE, 1009 Cumberland Ave., Syracuse, N. Y. Phone: Granite 2-2406.

"EAST BAY AREA SOBELL COMMITTEE, Box 264, Berkeley, Cal.

"DETROIT COMMITTEE FOR MORTON SOBELL, 134 Colorado, Highland Park, Mich., Phone: TO 5-4898.

"MINNESOTA COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, 715 So. Lexington Parkway, St. Paul 2, Minn., Phone: Midway 8-3340.

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"MILWAUKEE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, 914 N. Plankinton Ave., Milwaukee 3, Wisc., Phone: BR -1130.

"ST. LOUIS SOBELL COMMITTEE, P.O. Box 3432, Maplewood, Mo.

"SEATTLE SOBELL COMMITTEE, 317 Second and Cherry Bldg., Seattle, Wash.

"PHILADELPHIA SOBELL COMMITTEE, 2708 W. Sterner St, Philadelphia, Pa., Phone: Baldwin 9-2426.

"FRESNO SOBELL COMMITTEE, 1418 E. Brown Ave., Fresno 4, Cal., Phone: Baldwin 7-5831."

3. Major Publicity Releases and Campaigns

a. Commission of Inquiry

On February 5, 1959

[REDACTED] made available an envelope postmarked February 4, 1959, at New York, New York, bearing the return address "Reverend PETER MC CORMACK, 2801 Turk Street, San Francisco, California" which is set forth as follows:

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"REVEREND PETER MC CORMACK
2801 Turk Street
San Francisco, California

"February, 1959

"Dear Sirs:

"Because we believe the striving for justice and moral integrity in our country is a matter which concerns

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Each of us, we turn to you for participation in a project which we, along with many of our countrymen, believe extremely necessary to the national well-being.

"The signers of this letter have in common a conviction that the time has arrived for a thorough, independent and impartial public examination of the issues in the Rosenberg-Sobell trial. With the reflection which comes with the passage of time, more and more individuals and publications are observing the need for reappraisal. Moreover, Morton Sobell, maintaining his innocence, remains imprisoned under a 30-year sentence, thus giving an urgency in human terms as well as in historical necessity.

"We propose that a Commission of Inquiry be established that would meet the requirements for the kind of scholarly, independent and objective investigation necessary.

"It is not without an awareness of the sacrifice in time and energy which must be expended that we address this request to you. Yet in other vital issues of the past, citizens have traditionally come forward in this manner. It is a strong sense of responsibility which impels us to take this initial step in helping to establish such a Commission of Inquiry.

"We therefore respectfully ask you to consider serving on this proposed inquiry commission. Kindly address your comment to Reverend Peter Mc Cormack, 2801 Turk Street, San Francisco, California.

"Very sincerely yours,

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/s/ Horace M. Kalten, educator

/s/ Harold C. Urey,
scientist

"/s/ Bernard D. Davis,
scientist

/s/ Malcolm P. Sharp,
professor of law

"/s/ Paul L. Holmer,
professor of philosophy

/s/ Francis D. Wormuth,
professor of political
science.

"/s/ Reverend Peter Mc.Cormack, formerly
Protestant chaplain at Alcatraz"

b. New York Rally

On page 10 of the May 25, 1959, issue of the "National Guardian" is a newstype story entitled "Rally Scheduled For New York June 19 - Support Grows For Sobell Freedom" which reports that clergymen are signing an appeal for commutation of sentence for MORTON SOBELL, and that the rally would be held in New York City on June 19, 1959, under the auspices of the CSJMS.

The characterization of the "National Guardian" is found in the appendix section hereto.

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On page 10 of the May 25, 1959, issue of the "National Guardian" is an advertisement entitled "Wanted Door Openers - Volunteers needed..... Meeting for Morton Sobell, Friday, June 19, 8:00 p.m., Webster Hall, NYC..... Sobell Committee, 940 Broadway....."

On page 9 of the June 8, 1959, issue of the "National Guardian" is a newspaper article entitled "Sobell Meetings in NY and LA" which reports that a New York meeting would be held June 19, 1959, at Webster Hall, New York City, under the auspices of the New York SC, 940 Broadway, New York City, and that delegates from SOBELL Committees on the West Coast would meet in Los Angeles during June 26-28 and would attend a banquet on June 27 to support the campaign for freedom of MORTON SOBELL.

On page 10 of the June 8, 1959 and June 15, 1959, issues of the "National Guardian" are box advertisements of a meeting under the auspices of the New York SC to be held June 19, 1959, at Webster Hall, New York City.

On page 6 of the June 29, 1959, issue of the "National Guardian" in a newstype article entitled "1,000 at Rally for Sobell in New York" which reports that more than 1,000 persons attended a meeting at Webster Hall, New York City, on June 19, 1959, six years after the execution of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, to help Professor THOMAS I. EMERSON of Yale Law School, HORACE KALLEN of the New School for Social Research, and MURRAY BRANCH of Atlanta's

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Morehouse College, win freedom for MORTON SOBELL. According to this article, talks were also given by HELEN SOBELL, wife, and ROSE SOBELL, mother. The article reports that Professor BRANCH said that SOBELL did not receive a fair trial and called for reopening the case or clemency for SOBELL; Doctor KALLEN called the case against SOBELL weak and urged Presidential commutation of sentence; ROSE and HELEN SOBELL discussed life with SOBELL and the events of June 19, 1953, the night that the ROSENBERGS were executed. According to the article close to \$2,000.00 was contributed to the committee by the audience.

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[REDACTED] advised on June 29, 1959, that the CSJMS held a meeting at Webster Hall, New York City, on June 19, 1959, at which an admission charge of \$1.00 was requested. [REDACTED] advised that the speakers, who included Professor EMERSON of Yale, Murray Branch of Atlanta, Georgia, HELEN and ROSE SOBELL, and HORACE KALLEN of New York City, protested the conviction and imprisonment of SOBELL, appealed for funds to fight for reversal of his conviction and pleaded for Presidential commutation of sentence. b7D

[REDACTED] advised that the speakers claimed that government witnesses lied during the trial in return for not being prosecuted themselves. b7D

[REDACTED] advised on June 22, 1959, that a public meeting of the CSJMS was held June 19, 1959, in New York City, which was attended by approximately 900 persons. [REDACTED] advised that the speakers claimed that SOBELL and the ROSENBERGS were innocent, the victims of mass hysteria due to an unfair press, and demanded re-opening of the case or clemency for SOBELL. b7D

Other informants advised on various dates that they had attended a public meeting of the CSJMS on June 19, 1959, at Webster Hall in New York City, and furnished substantially the same information as above.

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[REDACTED] advised during early June, 1959, that visits to the headquarters of the CSJMS during May and June, 1959, reflected that most of the office work of the committee in the evenings was being handled by volunteers under the direction of ARON KATZ who was in charge of the office and that the volunteers and KATZ spent most of their time soliciting attendance for the June 19, 1959, Webster Hall meeting.

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d. Miscellaneous

On page 21 of the "Late City Edition" of the February 22, 1959, issue of the "New York Times", daily New York City, newspaper, is a newstype article entitled "Plea Made for SOBELL - Seven Urge Commuting of His Sentence in Atom Spy Case" which reports that a plea for commuting the 30 year sentence of MORTON SOBELL was issued by the following clergymen and professors of law:

REINHOLD NIEBUHR

JOHN C. BENNETT

PAUL RAMSEY

GERHARD O. W. MUELLER

EDMUND CAHN

DANIEL DAY WILLIAMS

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JEROME NATHANSON

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[REDACTED] made available [REDACTED]
the following publicity releases of the CSJMS National Headquarters in New York City: b7D

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Memo number 39, dated January 23, 1959 --
Announcing that beginning February 9, 1959, Mr. AARON
KATZ would represent the committee in Washington, DC.
for a period of two months.

Memo number 40 dated February 13, 1959 --
Announces that a letter signed by eminent Americans
is being sent to other noted individuals asking that they
serve on a "Commission Of Inquiry" and asking for the
names of other noted persons to be contacted..... A scientist
appeal is being considered..... Buffalo, New York now has a
SOBELL Committee.

Memo number 41 dated February 27, 1959 -- Announces
that a statement on the case has been issued by a group of
eminent theologians and law professors.

Memo number 42 dated March 10, 1959 --
Announces a new national appeal for MORTON SOBELL
is being initiated on the West Coast by clergymen.....
That approximately 40 clergymen have signed their names
to the appeal..... The Los Angeles Committee is printing
kits for mailing to the clergy.....

[REDACTED] made available [REDACTED]
memo number 43 dated March 20, 1959, on the stationery
of the CSJMS, New York City, which is summarized as follows:

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San Francisco - A dinner attended by 250 persons
was held in honor of Reverend PETER MC CORMACK, which dinner
received national newspaper coverage..... The story reports
that 38 West Coast ministers presented the Reverend MC CORMACK
with an appeal to President Eisenhower for a new trial.

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New York - ROSE SOBELL and HELEN SOBELL visit MORTON in Atlanta Penitentiary..... The New York Committee ordered 3,000 kits from Los Angeles for the clergy appeal..... The New York Committee representatives are scheduling "City to City" visits on the East Coast.

Dollar a Month Club - Efforts to establish a Dollar a Month Club are being made in order to have a regular flow of funds.....

Milwaukee - The Milwaukee Committee has ordered 100 kits for mailing the appeal to clergymen in their area.... A lecture for the committee is scheduled for March 22.....

Amherst, Massachusetts - The Reverend JOHN PAUL JONES has written a letter urging legislators to support the appeal for commutation.

Los Angeles - Reports enthusiastic response from Seattle and Portland to proposals for visiting these areas.

[REDACTED] made available [REDACTED] b7D
a publicity release of the CSJMS set forth as follows:

A STATEMENT OF THE CASE OF MORTON SOBELL

The undersigned are American citizens who believe that the sentence of MORTON SOBELL should now be commuted. SOBELL was convicted of conspiring with others to transmit to the Soviet Union writings and information relating to the national defense of the United States and was sentenced on April 1, 1951 to serve thirty years in Federal Prison.

MORTON SOBELL was tried with JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG who were convicted of espionage in connection with the atomic bomb and who were sentenced to death and later executed. SOBELL, however, was never implicated in any way with involvement in the atomic espionage for which the ROSENBERGS were convicted. This fact was confirmed by the judge who sentenced SOBELL.

This statement is not concerned with the ROSENBERG conviction. The undersigned are and consistently have been convinced anti-Communists. None are associated with any organization, committee, or group of any kind concerned either with the case of the ROSENBERGS or that of SOBELL, nor are any of the undersigned connected in any way with MORTON SOBELL or any members of his family. After study of the case, we believe that the following considerations warrant a commutation of the very heavy sentence SOBELL is now serving.

1. SOBELL was never implicated with atomic espionage for which the ROSENBERGS were convicted.

2. The charges against SOBELL, supported mainly by the testimony of one man, MAX ELITCHER, were that he had solicited information, and had on one occasion taken something which looked like a can of film to JULIUS ROSENBERG. No specific item of information supposed to have been secured by him or transmitted by him to anyone else is specified in the record. The case against him, therefore, is vague in content and slender in proof. The possibility that a trip to Mexico which he and his family took should be construed as flight cannot be ignored, though it is subject to various interpretations.

3. Whether or not the judge and prosecution made sufficient efforts to provide a fair trial, we ought to recognize that the emotions surrounding the trial of the ROSENBERGS and the fact that SOBELL's case was tried with theirs made it difficult to separate the two cases and to recognize the very different character of the two charges and the evidence introduced to support them respectively.

4. SOBELL has already served, with good conduct, nearly eight years in prison, six of them in Alcatraz.

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5. As Americans we are fully aware of the threat of communism to our freedom and way of life. Any attack on that freedom from without or within must be resisted. Nevertheless, one of the factors which makes that freedom so precious is its capacity to practice a disciplined and humane administration of justice precisely in those cases where emotions are aroused which make it difficult to remain objective about the merits of a specific case. We believe a commutation of the SOBELL Sentence would demonstrate our national faith in that freedom.

REINHOLD NIEBUHR
Vice-President and Professor of Ethics
and Theology
Union Theological Seminary
New York City

EDMOND CAHN
Professor of Law
New York University

JOHN C. BENNETT
Dean and Professor of Ethics and Theology
Union Theological Seminary

DANIEL DAY WILLIAMS
Professor of Systematic
Theology
Union Theological Seminary

PAUL RAMSEY
Professor of Religion
Princeton University

JEROME NATHANSON
Administrative Leader
New York Society for
Ethical Culture

GERHARD O. W. MUELLER
Associate Professor of Law
New York University.

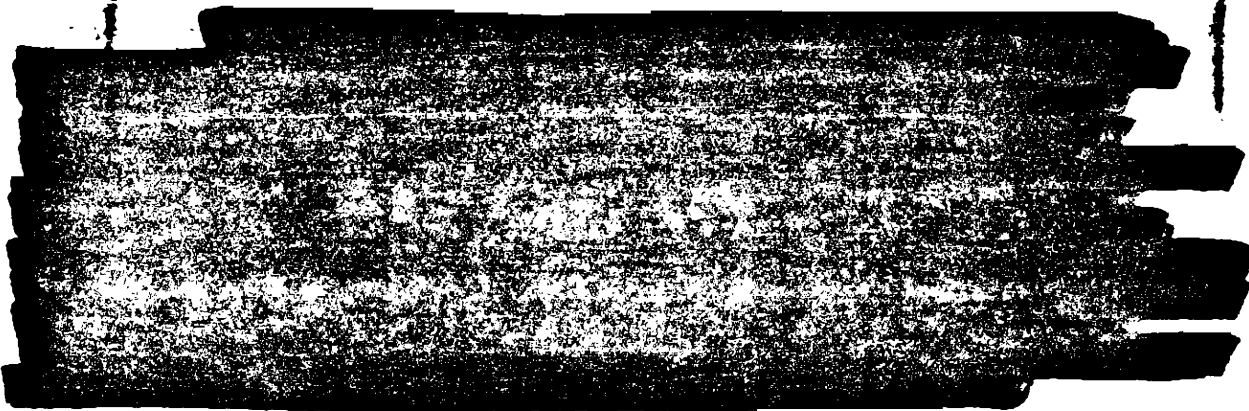
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a 14 page document entitled "Memorandum to the Subcommittee
on American Republics Affairs, Foreign Relations Committee,
United States Senate, Washington, D.C. - Submitted in
behalf of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL,
940 Broadway, New York City 10, N.Y." which is set forth in
part as follows:

"This statement is submitted in behalf of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL. The concern evidenced herein stems from the interest we have as Americans in the development and securing of good relations with our neighbors in the Western Hemisphere, as well as our particular interest in seeking justice in the case of MORTON SOBELL.

"These dual interests are closely interrelated. At the core of the problem of friendly relations between countries is the mutual respect and observance of territorial sovereignty. We hope to show that the practice of international kidnapping of a person from the territory of a Latin American country so as to effectuate his return to the United States is a naked violation of the principle of territorial sovereignty and a source of suspicion and distrust between nations.....

"One of the most significant, if not the single most important guarantee of good relations between the United States and its Latin American neighbors is the scrupulous regard and respect for national sovereignty.....

"In this statement we are concerned with a separate but related aspect of the problem of recognition and respect for national sovereignty which we respectfully submit lies at the core of our relations with Latin American countries. This aspect is the unlawful and irregular kidnapping of persons in Latin American countries to obtain their return to the United States. This situation sharply raises the important issues of violation and total disregard of solemn extradition treaty obligations, violation of the internationally recognized right of asylum, and disregard for the established policies governing law enforcement and the administration of justice in the country whose sovereignty is so violated....."



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[redacted] made available [redacted]
a letter on the stationery of the CSJMS dated April, 1959,
set forth as follows:

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"Dear Friend:

"MORTON SOBELL, under the strict rules limiting his writing of letters to the outside world, cannot address you personally.

"If he could, he would undoubtedly pose to you the same question he recently posed in a letter to his mother.

"Will we--or won't we--finally emerge, completely and fully, from the MC CARTHY era?"

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"The MORTON SOBELL case itself provides a measure of how this question will ultimately be answered. It is because thousands of Americans recognize the ROSENBERG-SOBELL trial as the most blatant injustice of the MC CARTHY hysteria that support for MORTON SOBELL's freedom grows and grows.

"How soon will MORTON SOBELL be freed? That depends on all of us.

"It depends on our lawyers who at this moment are preparing for new action in the courts. It depends on the men and women of integrity who are addressing appeals to the President. It depends on MORTON SOBELL's wife and mother who are working with almost unbelievable strength. It depends on our devoted committees throughout the country.

"Above all, it depends on you.

"Read the enclosed newsletter giving the latest facts and telling what you can do. Then do not fail to act, in every way that you can.

"Please be sure to mail your contribution to help finance our work in the return envelope enclosed for this purpose.

With much appreciation,

TED JACOBS
FOR THE SOBELL COMMITTEE"

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[redacted] made available [redacted] the April, 1959, bulletin entitled "What is New in the MORTON SOBELL Case", which is set forth in part as follows: b7D

"NEW YORK - Seven noted law professors and theologians have appealed to President EISENHOWER to commute the sentence of MORTON SOBELL, it was announced in the "New York Times".

"CLERGYMEN ON WEST COAST INITIATE NEW NATIONAL SOBELL APPEAL - Thirty-eight West Coast ministers and rabbis have initiated a new national appeal to President EISENHOWER for freedom or a new trial for MORTON SOBELL. The appeal is to be circulated among other clergymen throughout the United States and then to be presented in Washington.

"CHICAGO - Prominent individuals in Chicago, numbering 100 persons have appealed to the President in behalf of MORTON SOBELL.

"WASHINGTON - Congressman WILLIAM MEYER, the first Democratic Congressman to be elected from Vermont, has written President EISENHOWER to study the SOBELL case with a view toward recommending a new trial....

"A representative of the SOBELL Committee has been working in Washington seeing Senators, Representatives, and leaders of national organizations.....

"Petitions signed by 10,000 Americans have been submitted to the United States Pardon Attorney.

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"DATELINE U.S.A. - The Philadelphia SOBELL Committee obtained three hours of radio time to discuss the SOBELL case in a single weekend....The San Francisco dinner honoring Reverend PETER MC CORMACK was taped for rebroadcast..... The Los Angeles Committee is initiating a tour of cities on the West Coast..... The New York Committee has undertaken to visit cities on the East Coast..... The SOBELL Committees are actively working in Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Fresno, Seattle, Portland, Vancouver, Chicago, St. Louis, New York, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Milwaukee, Cleveland, Detroit, Washington, Buffalo, Syracuse, New Haven, and in areas surrounding these cities."

[REDACTED] made available [REDACTED] a letter on the stationery of the CSJMS dated May 22, 1959, *b7D* set forth in part as follows:

"Dear Friend:

"In response to requests for a new, important event on the MORTON SOBELL case in New York City, we have scheduled a public meeting on Friday, June 19, 8p.m. at Webster Hall, 119 East 11th Street, New York, landmark and public meeting place where vital issues are traditionally aired.

"Speaking on the SOBELL case for the first time:
Dr. HORACE M. KALLEN - Research Professor of Social Philosophy at the New School for Social Research, Honorary Vice-President of the American Jewish Congress, author of books on democracy and freedom.

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" MURRAY BRANCH - Distinguished Professor of Religion at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, the city where MORTON SOBELL is now enduring his ninth year of imprisonment....."

[REDACTED] made available [REDACTED] the June, 1959, bulletin issued by the CSJMS set forth in part as follows:

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An Appeal to President EISENHOWER to commute the sentence of MORTON SOBELL was issued by seven noted law professors and theologians from New York.

Thirty-eight West Coast ministers and rabbis have initiated a new national appeal to President for the freedom or a new trial for MORTON SOBELL.

An appeal to the President also has been made by 100 noted persons in the Chicago area.

A representative of the SOBELL Committee who has been visiting Senators and Representatives in Washington reports that Senator FRANK MOSS of Utah and Representative WILLIAM MEYER of Vermont have written to President EISENHOWER in MORTON SOBELL's behalf.

The "Christian Century" Magazine carries an editorial urging clemency for MORTON SOBELL.

The "Intercollegian," monthly publication of the National Student Council of the Young Men's Christian Association, carries in its April issue a complete page on the MORTON SOBELL case.

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The Portland Sunday "Oregonian" published on April 5, an important editorial likening the SOBELL Case to the SACCO and VANZETTI Case and urging a new look at SOBELL's trial and imprisonment.....

The Washington "Post", the most important newspaper in the Nation's capital, has published the complete text of the new appeal by the Dr. REINHOLD NIEBUHR-Professor EDMOND CAHN group.

The April-May issue of the "Catholic Worker" carries an editorial on the SOBELL Case, written by TED LE BERTON, West Coast editor and writer.

[REDACTED] made available [REDACTED] a printed newspaper type throwaway dated July, 1959, entitled "Today's Verdict in the Case of Morton Sobell, published by the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL", which contains the following pertinent points:

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Page 1 - New Developments in Case - Honorary sponsors of the Committee - nationally known paper says modern Sacco-Vanzetti Case - Senators, Congressmen, appeal to President EISENHOWER - noted Americans urge commutation after independent study - prison chaplain certain of innocence.

Page 2 and 3 - Appeal to President and signers of the appeal - facts and issues as seen by notables.

Page 4 - Public Opinion Uniting in Appeal - New trial or Freedom clergymen ask President - Harvard Divinity Professor calls SOBELL symbol of Christian's concern for justice - Help the SOBELL Committee near you.

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4. Funds

New York T-1 advised on the indicated date that the bank balance for the CSJMS was as follows:

<u>Date of Balance</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date Advised</u>
January 28, 1959	\$185.54	January 28, 1959
February 25, 1959	\$401.01	February 25, 1959
March 26, 1959	\$223.74	March 26, 1959
April 27, 1959	\$607.97	April 27, 1959
May 27, 1959	\$171.31	May 27, 1959
June 25, 1959	\$1,392.88	June 25, 1959

B. NEW YORK COMMITTEE

1. Private Fund Raising Projects

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[redacted] advised on April 2, 1959, that a party was held [redacted] at a private residence for the benefit of the CSJMS and that approximately 100 persons were present. According to [redacted] an admission fee of \$1.25 was charged, food and drink were sold, a collection plea for funds was made [redacted]

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[redacted] advised on February 20, 1959, that a [redacted] party was held in New York City on [redacted] under the sponsorship of the "SOBELL Committee." [redacted] According to [redacted] the party was well attended and most of the guests were persons who had attended previous SOBELL parties.

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[redacted] advised [redacted] that a reception for HELEN SOBELL was held [redacted] in the Queens section of New York City, at which reception 65 persons were present [redacted]

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On page 15, column 3 of the March 29, 1959, edition of "The Worker" is an announcement headed "Brooklyn" which announces that a mass meeting would be held at the Brighton Community Center, Brooklyn, New York City, on March 29, 1959, under the sponsorship of the Brooklyn CSJMS.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

[redacted] advised [redacted] that on [redacted] an entertainment and party was held for the benefit of the SOBELL Committee at a private residence in Brooklyn, New York. b7D

According to [redacted] approximately 25 persons were present and food and drink were sold with the profits being donated to the SOBELL Committee. [redacted] said that a talk on the SOBELL case was given in which the innocence of the ROSENBERGS and SOBELL was proclaimed. b7D

2. Public Fund Raising Projects

[redacted] advised [redacted] that a meeting of the New York SC was held at National Headquarters in New York City, [redacted] at which the question of finances was raised and at which it was decided by those present that a "thrift shop" would be rented by the year and that "runmage would be solicited and sold". b7D

[redacted] advised [redacted] that [redacted] part of the activity of "volunteer workers of the SC Headquarters" had been to pack bundles, clothes, et cetera and to load these bundles into a car which then took these to the store which had been rented at an unknown spot where they would then be sold. b7D

On page 2 of the March 9, 1959, issue of the "National Guardian" is a "Letter to the Editor", signed by BEN RATNER of the New York SOBELL Committee which advised that a thrift sale would be held at a store at 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, in New York City, and asking for contribution of articles.

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A physical surveillance by a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on March 17, 24 and 31, 1959, of the premises at 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City, reflected a small handprinted sign "Thrift Shop" and a larger sign "Collossal Bargains in Clothes and Households - Walk In". No license to conduct business and no identification as to the proprietors and/or sponsor was visible.

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[REDACTED] advised that Mrs. POLLACK had stated that the proceeds of all goods sold was being given to an unspecified synagogue and "Jewish charity".

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New York City Excise Tax Division, 120 West 32nd Street, New York City, advised that all firms or persons doing business in New York City are required to register with the New York City Collector and notify him of their intention to do business. [REDACTED] said that the Thrift Shop at 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City, had not notified his office of the fact that they were doing business in New York City.

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[REDACTED] Registration Unit, New York City Collectors Office, New York City, advised that a search of the records of his office failed to reflect any record of the Thrift Shop at 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City, registering to do business in New York City. [REDACTED] advised that a check of the records of the New York City Department of Licenses failed to reflect that any Second-hand Dealers License had been issued to the Thrift Shop.

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[REDACTED] New York City Excise Tax Division Investigations Unit, advised on April 8, 1959, that repeated visits on his part to the Thrift Shop at 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City, had failed to result in his being able to talk to the person in charge and he added that everyone he talked to at the Thrift Shop advised that they were "a volunteer unpaid worker" and that they did not know where the license or permit to operate was and that they did not know where the monies collected were disbursed nor did they know the name of the charity.

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[REDACTED] advised on April 9, 1959, that he had advised a Mrs. KATE POLLACK at the Thrift Shop, 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City, that she was operating the store illegally and without proper permits and that she would have to close the store until the proper papers were secured.

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[REDACTED] advised on April 15, 1959, that a subpoena and application form, NYC, RG-1, was served that date on Mrs. KATE POLLACK at the "Thrift Shop", 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City.

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[REDACTED] advised on April 16, 1959, that the SOBELL Committee continued to operate and maintain a second-hand rummage store at 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City. According to [REDACTED] the store is opened at odd hours and is under the direction of one BESSIE BLOOSTEIN who opens the store for business only when she desires.

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[REDACTED] advised on May 19, 1959, that BESSIE BLOOSTEIN was still in charge of and managing the rummage store located at 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City.

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[REDACTED] New York City Excise Tax Division, made available on May 30, 1959, New York City Form RG-1, Certificate of Registration Number M 571678-2 Code 291, dated May 28, 1959, which reflected as follows:

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HELEN L. SOBELL, of 30 Charlton Street, Manhattan, desired to register new and second-hand clothing store which had been purchased in January, 1959, at 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York 40, New York. This registration form reflected that HELEN L. SOBELL owned the business as an individual, did not own other property, and did not buy the business from a previous owner.

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[REDACTED] see above, advised that a second-hand dealers license SHD Number 495419, had been issued on May 25, 1959, to Mrs. HELEN L. SOBELL, 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City, New York, to operate a second-hand clothing sellers business at this address.

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1. Connections with the CP

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[REDACTED] advised on July 12, 1959, that ARNOLD JOHNSON, the Legislative Chairman of the CP, USA, was on the date in Washington, D.C., and while there made the following comments: b2

The SOBELL Committee was the current rallying point for most groups, and, most of the money raised by the SOBELL Committee was used for publicity purposes.

2. Publicity in the "National Guardian", Etc

A characterization of the "National Guardian" appears in the appendix section hereto.

On page 3 of the March 2, 1959, issue of the "National Guardian" is a newstype article entitled "Senate Asked To Revise Old Kidnap Law As Part of Move to Spur Sobell Release".

On page 11 of the March 9, 1959, issue of the "National Guardian" is an announcement that WILLIAM REUBEN, author, would speak on the SOBELL Case on March 9, 1959, in New York City.

On page 4 of the March 23, 1959, issue of the "National Guardian" is an announcement "A Greeting For SOBELL - April 11 is MORTON SOBELL's Birthday. Guardian Readers.... Send a GreetingMORTON SOBELL, P. M. B. Number 71342, Atlanta Georgia."

On page 7 of the March 30, 1959, issue of the "National Guardian" an article entitled "Theological Leaders in Plea for SOBELL", which reports that a plea for commutation of sentence of MORTON SOBELL was made by friends, clergymen and professors of law.

On page 14, column three of the April 12, 1959, issue of "The Worker" is a newstype article entitled "Ask Senate Bill to Bar Trial of Kidnap Victim", which reports that a memorandum to the Senate Subcommittee on American Republic Affairs was filed in behalf of the CSJMS in Washington, D.C.

On page 2 of the June 15, 1959, issue of the "National Guardian" is a lengthy editorial entitled "Report to Readers - SOBELL and JUSTICE" which recounts the story of the ROSENBERG - SOBELL Case and makes a plea for executive clemency or commutation of sentence for MORTON SOBELL.

On page 3 of the June 15, 1959, issue of the "National Guardian" is a lengthy feature article by Mrs. HELEN SOBELL entitled "MORTON SOBELL Tells His Wife in Atlanta Penitentiary - Let it Be Soon... I'm Thirsty for Freedom" in which article HELEN SOBELL tells of a visit to her husband in Atlanta Penitentiary and pleads for assistance to the SOBELL Committee.

On page 12 of the June 22, 1959, issue of the "National Guardian" is a feature article which repeats briefly the history of the conviction of MORTON SOBELL and reprints a letter from VINCENZINA VANZETTI in Italy in which she proclaims the innocence of her brother who was executed for murder in August, 1927 in Boston, Massachusetts, and then sympathizes with HELEN SOBELL for the imprisonment of her husband.

On page 11 of the June 22, 1959, issue of the "National Guardian" is an advertisement advising that memorial services would be held June 21, 1959, at the graves of ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG.

3. Publicity of Affiliate Adjuncts

On page 10 of the March 9, 1959, issue of the "National Guardian" is a newstype article entitled "Bay Area Audience to Hear Former Alcatraz Chaplain" which reports that the Reverend PETER MC CORMACK would speak at a dinner on March 31, 1959, in San Francisco, California.

On page 11 of the March 23, 1959 issue of the "National Guardian" is an advertisement entitled "Art Show and Sale..... March 27 - 29, 1959.....Auspices. Detroit SOBELL Committee".

On page 11 of the March 30, 1959, and April 6, 1959, issues of the "National Guardian" are advertisements captioned "Philadelphia" which advise that a birthday party would be held on April 11, at 8:30 p.m. in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, under the auspices of the "SOBELL Committee".

On page 11 of the April 13, 1959, and April 20, 1959, issues of the "National Guardian" are advertisements captioned "Los Angeles" which advise a passover dinner to be held in Los Angeles on April 24, 1959, for the "Freedom of MORTON SOBELL.

On page 11 of the May 18, 1959, and May 25, 1959, issues of the "National Guardian" are advertisements entitled "Minneapolis" which advise that the Reverend ERWIN A. GAEDE of Los Angeles and Dr. PAUL HOLMER of Minneapolis would speak at a meeting on May 28, 1959, in Minneapolis under the auspices of the Minnesota SOBELL Committee.

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On page 11 of the May 25, 1959, issue of the "National Guardian" is an advertisement entitled "Bucks County, Pa", which advises that Mrs. HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL, would speak at a meeting on May 22, 1959, at Southampton Pa., under the auspices of the Lower Bucks County CSJMS.

On page 9 of the June 15, 1959, issue of the "National Guardian" is a large box advertisement announcing "The First SOBELL Regional Banquet" to be held on June 27, 1959, under the auspices of the Los Angeles SOBELL Committee.

On page 5 of the June 15, 1959, issue of the "National Guardian" is a newstype article entitled "SOBELL Banquet in Los Angeles June 27, 1959, Honors New Delegates," which reports on a regional West Coast conference of SOBELL Committees ending with a banquet on June 27, 1959.

On page 11 of the June 22, 1959, issue of the "National Guardian" is an advertisement entitled "Philadelphia" which advises that HELEN SOBELL would attend a meeting on June 26, 1959, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

On page 7 of the July 20, 1959, issue of the "National Guardian" is an advertisement entitled "Los Angeles" which advises that a dinner would be held July 26, 1959, at a private residence in Los Angeles under the auspices of the Los Angeles SOBELL Committee.

D. APPENDIX

NATIONAL GUARDIAN

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

- "1. 'Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly. *** Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, p. 12)"

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

July 31, 1959

NY file 100-107111

Re: Committee to Secure Justice for
Morton Sobell
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Internal Security Act of 1950

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Philip H. Sheridan dated and captioned as above at New York.

All informants utilized in the preparation of this report have furnished reliable information in the past with the exception of New York [redacted] New York [redacted] New York [redacted] New York [redacted] and New York [redacted] who are characterized as having been in a position to furnish reliable information.

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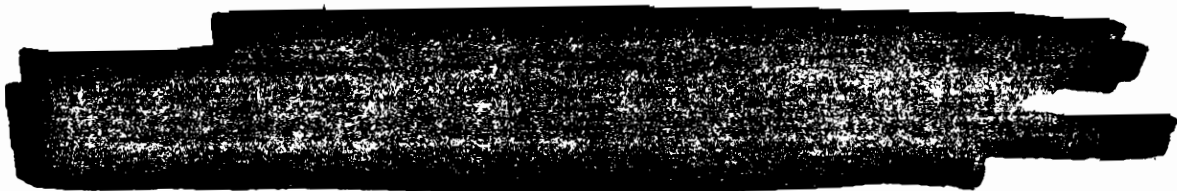
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)
 FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (100-9258)
 RE: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
 JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
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Re Portland Cinal 7/28/59, concerning
 appearances of HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL,
 in Portland during period 7/28/59 to 8/1/59.



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In her remarks HELEN SOBELL discussed briefly her husband's imprisonment and his character. She read a letter to the group which reportedly was a translation from the Italian, written to HELEN SOBELL by the sister of EARTOLOMEO VANZETTI in Italy. This woman expressed deepest sympathy for HELEN SOBELL and an offer to help in any way possible. Mrs. SOBELL stated she plans to write to this Italian woman and invite her to the United States to accompany Mrs. SOBELL on speaking tours. Before the meeting was concluded Mrs. SOBELL distributed postcards on which she insisted that those present write messages to the Oregon Senators and Congressmen, the gist of which were the belief that MORTON SOBELL is innocent, and the demand that immediate action

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be taken, asking the President to free MORTON SOBELL. The cards were taken up by Mrs. SOBELL to mail when they were completed. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] further reported 8/4/59, that [REDACTED] about 28 persons attended the reception held at the home of ROSE LEOPOLD, known to informant as the head of the Oregon Sobell Committee a virtual one-man organization which for the past several years has infrequently sponsored meetings. During this gathering Mrs. SOBELL discussed in some detail her husband's arrest and imprisonment. She remarked that she did not believe any one person was responsible for the action, that it was mainly the Korean War and the "McCarthy hysteria". She assured the group that JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, along with her husband were completely innocent. During the meeting Mrs. SOBELL again had those present write post cards asking for freedom for her husband. [REDACTED]

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)
FROM : SA JOHN J. FOARDE, Jr.
SUBJECT: CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE
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DATE: 8/5/59

On July 7, 1959 [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally furnished to the writer a handwritten report containing the results of the monitorship of the bank account of captioned organization for the month of June, 1959. This account is maintained at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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USE OF THIS INFORMATION IN REPORTS SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE STATEMENT THAT THE INFORMATION CANNOT BE MADE PUBLIC EXCEPT IN THE USUAL PROCEEDINGS FOLLOWING THE ISSUANCE OF A SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM.

The report, as it relates to captioned organization, is set forth as follows:

- 1 - Cleveland [redacted]
- 1 - New York (RM)
 - (1 - 100-10711 (COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL))
- 2 - Chicago [redacted]

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<u>Date</u>		<u>Checks</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Balance</u>
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2	\$ 33.25			495.63
5	103.00			392.63
8	100.00			292.63
15			\$141.00	433.63
			81.60	518.23
25	6.00	\$10.42		498.81
26	.50			498.31
26			44.00	542.31
29	7.65	51.00		483.66
30	23.52			460.14

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Cleared Through</u>
\$ 33.25	ESTIL DUBIN	Cleveland Tu. Co - Cleveland Ohio
103.00	General Service Administration (Rental Room 1301 - 20 W. Jackson May 1-1959 - June 30-1959)	Federal Reserve - Chgo
100.00	Comm. Secure Justice - M. SOBELL	Corn Exchange - New York
6.00	Art Mimeo - Letter Service	LaSalle Natl - Chgo
10.42	Illinois Bell	1st National - Chgo
.50	Service Charge	
25.52	Hyde Park Herald	University Natl - Chgo

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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is exempt from disclosure, in its entirety, under (b)(7)(D) as information contained in this serial would identify an informant to whom an expressed promise of confidentiality has been given. This information includes dates and places of meetings which were attended by a limited number of people known to the informant and/or information from these meetings and situations in which an informant was in close contact with members of these organizations, disclosure of which would reveal his identity.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office PHILADELPHIA	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date AUG 10 1959	Investigative Period 2/5 - 7/30/59
TITLE OF CASE THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL		Report made by MARION B. HUMMEL	Typed By: MJD
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

Synopsis:
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Reference

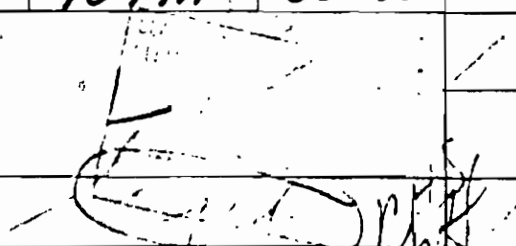
Report of SA MARION B. HUMMEL 2/11/59, at Philadelphia.

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Leads

PHILADELPHIA:

Will follow and report the activities of the Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL and the Lower Bucks County Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL.

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Administrative Data

The Special Agent attending the 27th anniversary rally of the CPEPD at Town Hall on 9/20/46 was SA ROBERT W. HOLMIS.

This report is classified confidential since data reported from confidential informants

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] could reasonably result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof. b7D

Careful consideration has been given to all informants used in this report, and T symbols were utilized only where necessary.

Informants

T-1 [REDACTED] b7D
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Characterization of BEA GRAUMAN

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Informants Used
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Philadelphia Social
Science Forum Committee

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Copy to: 2 - G-2, Philadelphia (RM)
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Report of: MARION B. HUMMEL Office: Philadelphia, Penn-
Date: sylvania

File Number: Philadelphia 100-37667 Bureau 100-387835

Title: THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis:

Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL utilizes address of PEARL CHERTOV, 2708 West Sterner Street, Philadelphia, as headquarters. CHERTOV is chairman of Philadelphia SOBELL Committee. FREDA RAPPAPORT is Secretary and SARA EPSTEIN is Treasurer.

Meetings of Philadelphia SOBELL Committee held [redacted] Committee has been formed in Lower Bucks County, Pa., known as Lower Bucks County Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL. RICHARD BROWN is Chairman of this group. Meeting was held by this Committee on 5/22/59 at Friends Meeting House, Southampton, Pa., which was addressed by HELLEN SOBELL. b7D

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DETAILS: The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following

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on page 60 concerning the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the ROSENBERG case:

"Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered on MORTON SOBELL,' the ROSENBERG's co-defendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National ROSENBERG - SOBELL Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the ROSENBERG case.' National headquarters remain at 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were DANIEL MARSHALL and JOSEPH BRAININ.

"(Committee on Un-American Activities report 'Trial by Treason; The National Committee to Secure Justice for the ROSENBERGs and MORTON SOBELL,' August 25, 1956, pp 118 and 120; also cited in annual report for 1955, House report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.) "

A characterization of the Philadelphia SOBELL Cimmittee will be set forth in the appendix section of this report.

The Philadelphia SOBELL Committee

Headquarters

On July 10, 1959, [REDACTED] advised that the residence of PEARL CHERTOV, 2708 West Sterner Street, Philadelphia, is used as the headquarters for the Philadelphia SOBELL Committee. All mail from New York is sent to CHERTOV and her address is used as the return address for the Committee. b7D

On June 8, 1959, [REDACTED] furnished the July 1959 issue of the publication entitled "Today's Verdict" published by the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL (NCSJMS). The informant received this publication at an open meeting sponsored by the Philadelphia Associates, Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC) held on June 12, 1959, at the Adelpia Hotel, Philadelphia. The final page of this publication contains a list of "SOBELL Committees" throughout the United States. One of those Committees is listed as "Philadelphia SOBELL Committee, 2708 West Sterner Street, Philadelphia, Pa., phone Baldwin 9-2426." b7D

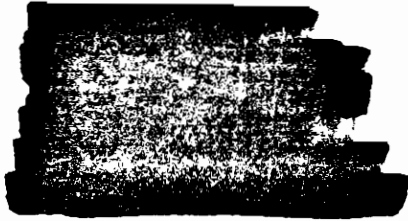
A characterization of the Philadelphia Associates ECLC will be set forth in the appendix of this report.

Officers

On July 10, 1959, [REDACTED] advised that the officers of the Philadelphia SOBELL Committee are as follows: b7D

Chairman	PEARL CHERTOV
Secretary	FREDA RAPPAPORT
Treasurer	SARA EPSTEIN

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Subversive Affiliations of Officers

PEARL CHERTOV

On January 19, 1959 [redacted] advised that PEARL CHERTOV was currently a member of the Philadelphia Branch Socialist Workers Party (SWP). b7D

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

ARCHIE COLEMAN

[redacted] COLEMAN had been devoted to the Communist Party (CP) during that time. Informant knew him as a member of a CP club [redacted]

[redacted] does not know whether ARCHIE COLEMAN is at the present time a CP member. b7D

The CP, USA, its subdivisions, and affiliates have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SARA EPSTEIN

On June 22, 1954 [redacted] advised that SARA EPSTEIN of 5745 North Fairhill Street, Philadelphia, was a member of Lodge 169 of the International Workers Order (IWO) in 1953. b7D

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The IWO has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

JEAN FRANTJIS

On June 22, 1959, [REDACTED] advised that JEAN FRANTJIS was a member of the CPEFD as of June 11, 1959. b7D

BEA GRAUMAN

PH T-7 has advised that she was a member of the CP in Washington, D. C., from 1943 to 1948. In 1947 and 1948 she was affiliated with what was known as the "Housewives Group" of the CP in Washington. One of the members of the "Housewives Group" was BEA GRAUMAN.

ROSE MAMLIN

On January 16, 1949, and April 17, 1952, PH T-8 advised that ROSI MAMLIN became a member of Lodge 496, Jewish People's Fraternal Order (JPFO) of the IWO, in March 1947 and was a member of this lodge as of April 1952.

The JPFO of the IWO has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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ROBERT PETERSON

On September 13, 1956, [REDACTED] advised that ROBERT PETERSON joined the Franklin Roosevelt Club of the American Youth for Democracy (AYD) in Philadelphia in 1946 and was a member of the AYD for approximately one year. b7D

The AYD has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

FREDA RAPPAPORT

On January 26, 1959, [REDACTED] advised that although FREDA RAPPAPORT was not a member of the Philadelphia Branch SWP, she was a very close sympathizer. b7D

SADIE (CYD) TIER

On October 23, 1951, [REDACTED] advised that CYD TIER was known to be a member of one of the Oak Lane Clubs, Germantown Section, CPEPD, from 1947 through 1950. b7D

General Activities

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On February 10, 1959, [REDACTED] advised that the Philadelphia SOBELL Committee was in dire need of funds and an attempt was being made to obtain monthly sustainers in order to continue the activities of the Committee. b7D

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The February 22, 1959, issue of the "Morning Freiheit" on page 13, columns one, two, and three contained an announcement that a "SOBELL meeting will be held in the

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home of friends COLEMAN, 821 West Roosevelt Boulevard. The meeting is for the freedom of MORTON SOBELL, a victim of Mc CARTHYism. Guest speaker will be the famous WILLIAM REUBEN, former Publicity Director of the American Civil Liberties Union."

The "Morning Freiheit" will be characterized in the appendix section of this report.

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[REDACTED] advised that the Philadelphia SOBELL Committee held a meeting

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on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] furnished substantially the same information

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On February 24, 1959, [REDACTED] advised that WILLIAM REUBEN appeared on the JOE PYNE Radio Program over radio station WWDS, Philadelphia, during the early morning hours of February 23, 1959

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[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] the Philadelphia SOBELL Committee met [REDACTED] Tape recordings of the JOE PINE Program on which WILLIAM REUBEN and TED JACOBS were interviewed were played. A proposed meeting in Levittown, Pa., at which HELEN SOBELL would speak was discussed.

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On February 11, 1959, [REDACTED] advised that TED JACOBS is a member of the New York Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL which is the motivating force of the NCSJMS. JACOBS, according to the informant, is in constant contact with the other local committees and manages and supervises all the committee activities.

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On December 18, 1956, [REDACTED] advised that WILLIAM WOLF was an "old Party hack" who was active in the youth movements in the CP. This informant advised that he had not heard WOLF referred to as TED JACOBS.

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On February 22, 1944, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] identified HELEN GUREWITZ (HELEN SOBELL, Mrs. MORTON SOBELL) as a member of the Education and Literature Commission of the CP in Washington, D. C., as of February 1, 1944.

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[REDACTED] advised that a meeting of the Philadelphia SOBELL Committee was held [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Excerpts from a memorandum from the National office in which the Philadelphia Committee was mentioned were read. It was decided that 100 "workshop kits" would be ordered from National SOBELL Committee headquarters to use in contacting individuals to solicit support for MORTON SOBELL. b7D

[REDACTED] made available an invitation to a 50th birthday testimonial honoring JEAN FRANTJIS. This invitation reflected that this testimonial would be held on April 11 at 5730 Virginian Road. It should be noted that this invitation did not reflect that this party was being sponsored by the Philadelphia SOBELL Committee. b7D

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He identified ANN ZUCKER as a member of this group.

On November 21, 1958, [REDACTED] advised that JACK ZUCKER had only recently resigned from the District Administrative Committee of the CPEPD.

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On April 13, 1959, [REDACTED] advised that a testimonial in honor of JEAN FRANTJIS sponsored by the Philadelphia SOBELL Committee was held on April 11, 1959, at 5730 Virginian Road, Philadelphia. There were approximately 100 people present for this affair and JACK ZUCKER acted as the chairman. The program consisted of a series of short testimonial speeches. Among those speakers who praised FRANTJIS for her work were SAM INGBER, JOHN HOLTON, THOMAS NABRIED, A. HARRY LIVITAN, and SARAH HAMMOND.

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On April 13, 1959, [REDACTED] on April 14, 1959, [REDACTED] and on April 15, 1959, [REDACTED] furnished substantially the same information concerning the JEAN FRANTJIS testimonial.

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On January 31, 1957, [REDACTED] advised that SARAH HAMMOND attended one of the sessions of the Upper West Side CP Section convention held on January 17, 1957, in New York City.

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On June 18, 1959, [REDACTED] advised that JOHN HOLTON was currently Section Secretary of the Fourth CD Section, CPEPD.

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On September 20, 1946, the CPEPD openly held a 27th anniversary rally at Town Hall, Broad and Race Streets, Philadelphia. This meeting was attended by a Special Agent of the FBI. During the course of the meeting, the chairman introduced the charter members of the CP in this District who were seated on the stage. SAM INGBER was one of those introduced as a charter member.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised on May 4-5, 1955, that he had known A. HARRY LEVITAN as a very active member of the CPEPD. [REDACTED] stated that he had known LEVITAN as a member of the CPEPD as late as 1951 or 1952.

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On June 22, 1959, [REDACTED] advised that THOMAS NABRIID was the District Chairman, CPEPD.

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A characterization of the PSSFC appears in the appendix section of this report.

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On March 26, 1959, [REDACTED] advised that a club meeting of the CP in West Philadelphia was held on March 19, 1959, at 5415 Sansom Street. At this meeting JEAN FRANTJIS announced that a birthday testimonial in her honor sponsored by the Philadelphia SOBELL Committee, would be held on April 11, 1959, at 5730 Virginian Road. She asked everyone present to attend this affair.

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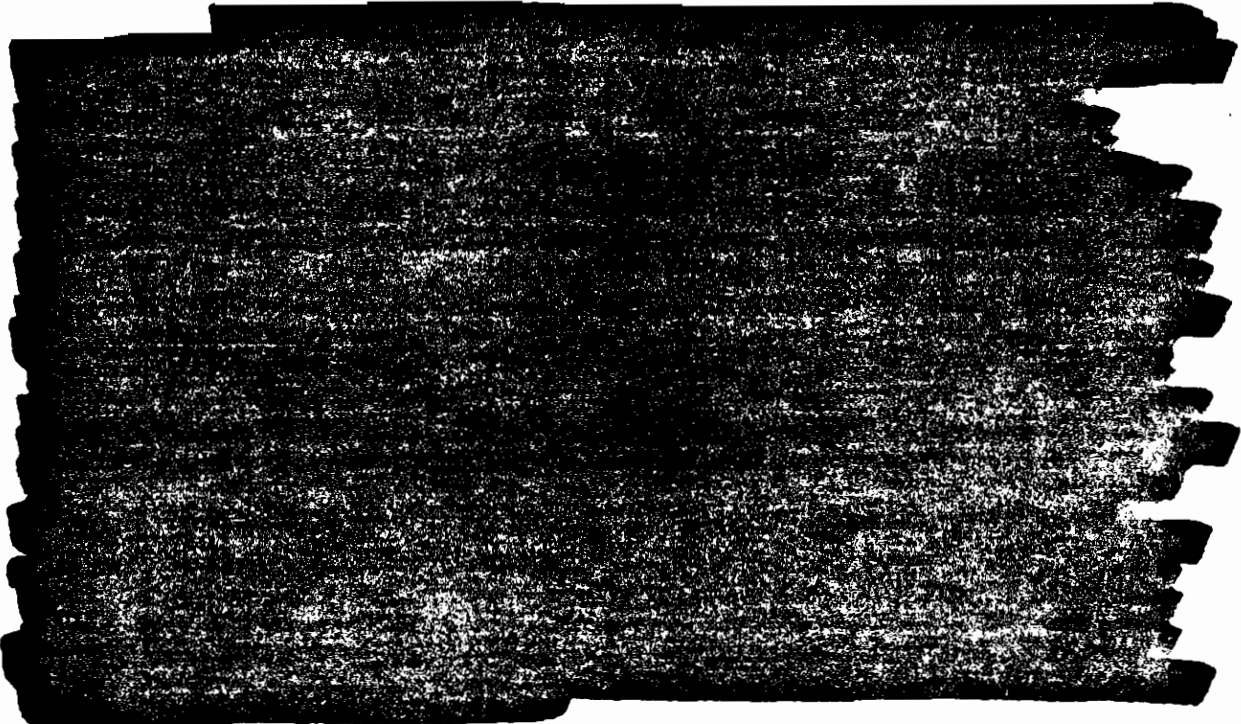
[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] the Philadelphia SOBELL Committee held a meeting [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PEARL CHERTOV was chairman and FREDA RAPPAPORT.

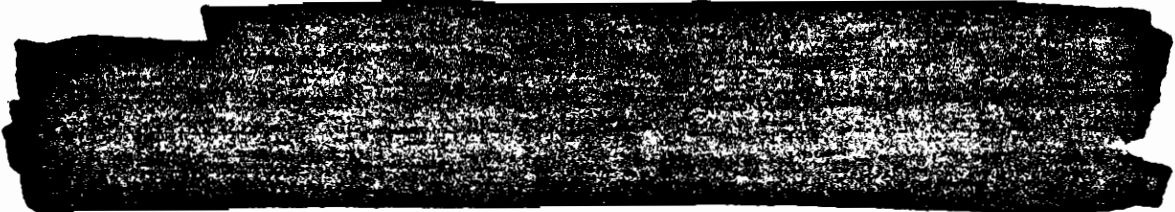
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acted as secretary. JEAN FRANTJIS handled most of the business of this meeting. FRANTJIS read memoranda from the headquarters of the NCSJMS which described activities of local committees throughout the United States. According to these memoranda, the local committees were contacting ministers and rabbis and were considering contacting Catholic priests to solicit support for MORTON SOBELL's attempts to be released from prison. FRANTJIS stated that RICHARD BROWN was working very hard for the SOBELL Committee in the Bucks County area. She stated that BROWN and Mrs. MARIAN DOCKHORN (Mrs. WAYNE DOCKHORN) had arranged for a meeting on May 22, 1959, at the Southampton Friends Meetinghouse which would feature HELEN SOBELL as the principal speaker.



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On June 30, 1959, [REDACTED] advised that on June 26, 1959, the Philadelphia SOBELL Committee held a public meeting at the Essex Hotel, 13th and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia, with 80 to 90 people in attendance. JEAN FRANTJIS and KENNETH R. FORBES were chairmen of the meeting, and the principal speaker was HELEN SOBELL. SOBELL gave a brief sketch of the ROSENBERG - SOBELL case and its results. Following her talk, HELEN SOBELL requested the Philadelphia SOBELL Committee to continue its activity to free her husband, MORTON SOBELL. She made a plea for funds and a collection was taken [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The chairman then requested those present to write to President EISENHOWER, their senators, and congressmen asking them to actively engage in the fight to free MORTON SOBELL.

On June 30, 1959, [REDACTED] and on July 14, 1959, [REDACTED] furnished substantially the same information concerning the meeting of June 26, 1959.

On September 30, 1953, [REDACTED] advised that although he did not know KENNETH RIPLEY FORBES to be a member of the CP, he knew him to be extremely sympathetic to the Communist cause and to Communist activities.

Literature Distributed

On May 1, 1959 [REDACTED] furnished copies of the following pieces of literature which were currently being distributed by the Philadelphia SOBELL Committee in the Philadelphia area:

1. A reprint from "The Nation" dated June 23, 1956, entitled "The SOBELL Case" by STEPHEN LOVE

2. A reprint from "The Western Political Quarterly, volume eight, number four, December 1955, published quarterly by the Institute of Government, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah" This reprint was a book review of the book

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"The Judgment of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG" and bears the notation that it was reprinted by the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL.


3. A nine-page mimeographed pamphlet entitled "A Guide to the Case of MORTON SOBELL by MALCOLM P. SHARP, Professor of Law, University of Chicago"

4. A two-page mimeographed leaflet entitled "A Statement on the Case of MORTON SOBELL." This item carries a notation indicating that it is the full text of the independent plea for MORTON SOBELL which was reported in the New York Times on February 22, 1959.

5. A reprint from the "Detroit News" editorial page of Friday, May 30, 1958, from the column captioned "The Commentator" by W. K. KELSEY. This item also carries the notation that it was reprinted by the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL.

Lower Bucks County
Committee to Secure
Justice for
MORTON SOBELL

Formation



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On April 8, 1959, [REDACTED] advised that FRANK and GERTRUDE KINCES were current members of the CPEPD in Bucks County.

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It was decided that literature pertaining to the SOBELL case would be obtained from New York and used in a personal contact campaign in Lower Bucks County and Doylestown, Pa., in an attempt to raise funds for the Philadelphia Committee's operation.

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The purpose of this meeting was to decide if a separate SOBELL Committee should be formed in Lower Bucks County. JIAN FRANTJIS and PEARL CHERTOV of the Philadelphia SOBELL Committee were present and FRANTJIS explained the duties of such a Committee and told of the

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activities of the Philadelphia Committee. It was then agreed that there should be a Committee for the Levittown area and that it would be called the Lower Bucks County Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL (LBCCSJMS).

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JEAN FRANTJIS congratulated RICHARD BROWN on the success of the meeting held on May 22, 1959, at the Southampton Friends Meetinghouse. BROWN then told the group that 100 pamphlets on the SOBELL case had been mailed to clergy in the Levittown area. FRANTJIS suggested that this mailing should be followed by personal contacts to increase the effectiveness of the mailings. Plans were made to contact some of the ministers of the Lower Bucks County Council of Churches. MARIAN DOCKHORN agreed to have her husband, WAYNE DOCKHORN, who is acquainted with some of these ministers, brief the Committee on the various members and which ones would be receptive to an approach by the Committee.

On June 20, 1958 [REDACTED] advised that JOSEPH ERSHUN was a member of the CP in Bucks County for a period of time during 1955 - 1956 but had left the Party.

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On December 4, 1958 [REDACTED] advised that ELSA SACCO was currently a member of the CPEPD. b7D

Appearance of HELEN
SOBELL at Southamp-
ton, Pa., May 22, 1959

The May 25, 1959, issue of the "National Guardian" on page 11 carried an announcement that Mrs. HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL, would speak on May 22, 1959, at the Southampton Friends Meeting, Street Road at Gravel Hill Road, Southampton, Pa., under the auspices of the LBCCSJMS.

[REDACTED]

On May 28, 1959, [REDACTED] advised that on May 22, 1959, the LBCCSJMS sponsored a meeting at the Southampton Friends Meetinghouse, Street Road and Gravel Hill Road, Southampton, Pa. Mimeographed announcements had been distributed concerning this meeting [REDACTED]

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The announcements were mailed with the return address 30 Crystal Road, Levittown, Pa. b7D

On May 28, 1959, [REDACTED] advised that he attended the meeting of the LBCCSJMS on May 22, 1959, at the Southampton Friends Meetinghouse. Approximately 80 people attended this meeting and HELEN SOBELL was the principal speaker. She stated that the primary interest of the b7D

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NCSJMS was to obtain SOBELL's release or parole from prison. After his release then efforts would be made to obtain a pardon for him. She stated that leading individuals have publically expressed their belief in his innocence, among whom were BERTRAM RUSSELL, DR. HAROLD UREY, and PETER MC CORMACK, Former Protestant Chaplain at Alcatraz Prison.

RICHARD BROWN also spoke saying that he first became interested in the SOBELL case approximately two years previously when he attended a public meeting sponsored by the Philadelphia SOBELL Committee. It was announced that there would be no collection taken and no literature distributed in the Southampton Friends Meetinghouse out of deference to the Quakers. WAYNE DOCKHORN then announced that everyone present was invited to his home immediately following adjournment of the meeting and that those who wished could make a financial contribution at his residence. [REDACTED] also advised that at the conclusion of the meeting, literature reflecting that it was issued by the LBCCSJMS was distributed outside the meeting house. b7D

At the conclusion of the meeting, most of those present at the Southampton Friends Meetinghouse went to the DOCKHORN residence, Woods Road, Southampton, Pa., where refreshments were served. [REDACTED] b7D

On May 28, 1959, [REDACTED] advised that PETER and MOLLIE SMOLLETT and FRANK and GERTRUDE KINCES attended the meeting sponsored by the LBCCSJMS on May 22, 1959, at the Southampton Friends Meetinghouse. [REDACTED] b7D

On May 28, 1959, [REDACTED] advised that on May 22, 1959, HELEN SOBELL appeared on the interview program of LOU HAHN, Radio Station WBCP, Levittown, Pa. In this interview, Mrs. SOBELL attacked the Government witnesses HARRY GOLD and MAX ELEITCHLER in the SOBELL case. Following the interview, HELEN SOBELL remarked that she was very pleased with the interview. b7D

APPENDIX - DOCUMENTATION OF ORGANIZATIONS

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EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of 1/2/57, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, documents the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee as follows:

"To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. When the Communist Party itself is under fire, these fronts offer a bulwark of protection."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the
Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook
for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956,
p. 91)

A source advised 12/21/57 and 1/6/58 that LEONARD BOUDIN, constitutional lawyer and legal counsel for Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, made a speech 12/20/57 accepting the Philadelphia Associates as a group to work with the national organization. This occurred at a Bill of Rights Day celebration sponsored by the Philadelphia Associates, Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, at the Adelphi Hotel, Philadelphia.

On 5/1/59 this source advised that the Philadelphia Associates operates in the Philadelphia area through an Executive Committee of a small group of people and a large mailing list.

MORNING FREIHEIT

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", revised and published as of 1/2/57 by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, documents the publication "Morning Freiheit" as follows:

"A 'Communist Yiddish daily.'"

(Attorney General Francis Biddle, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)

"The Freiheit has been one of the rankest organs of Communist propaganda in this country for almost a quarter of a century."

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 75.)

"NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian:"

- "1. 'Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly. *** Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.'

"(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the ROSINBERGS and MORTON SOBELL,' August 25, 1956, p. 12.) "

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PHILADELPHIA SOCIAL SCIENCE FORUM
COMMITTEE (PSSFC)

A source advised on November 14 and 17, 1958 that a meeting of the District Education Commission (CPEPD), was held November 13, 1958 at 3425 Powelton Avenue, Philadelphia. At this meeting, DANIEL RUBIN, District Education Director, presented a proposal for a series of forums under the nominal sponsorship of the Philadelphia Social Science Forum Committee (PSSFC). The source stated the PSSFC was merely a paper organization and this series of forums was organized by the District Education Commission, CPEPD, and had to be approved by the District Committee, CPEPD, before being put into effect.

A second source advised June 10, 1959, that the PSSFC remained under the control of the District Education Commission, CPEPD. It is now planned by RUBIN that a new series of forums will be conducted in the Fall of 1959, according to this source.

THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

A source advised on 4/8/58 that on 4/7/58, a meeting was held in Philadelphia to re-establish the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in Philadelphia. This committee will be called locally, the Philadelphia Sobell Committee.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of 1/2/57, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell:

"Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June, 1953, the 'Communist' campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL, the ROSENBERGS' co-defendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case -- a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States -- was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.' National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were DANIEL MARSHALL and JOSEPH BRAUNIN.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Merton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)"

Another source advised on 5/15/59 that the Philadelphia Sobell Committee continues to be active and has expanded into Lower Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Its activities are concerned primarily with raising funds to be used in an attempt to secure the release of MORTON SOBELL from prison.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

MAR 10 1951

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 100-37667

THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL;
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent MARION B. HUMMEL dated and captioned as above at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

All confidential informants utilized in this report have furnished reliable information in the past.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

August 12, 1959

SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648)
(100-58216)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL,
IS - C, ISA of 1950;
OO:New York

MILNOR ALEXANDER
SM - C
OO:Philadelphia

Re Philadelphia letter to the Director
dated July 21, 1959, and report of SA LLOYD D.
JOHNSON dated July 27, 1959 at Los Angeles, captioned
"MILNOR ALEXANDER, aka., SM - C."

The most current documentation of ALEXANDER
is incorporated in referenced Los Angeles report.

Philadelphia is requested to furnish one
copy of referenced report to the Washington Field
Office to furnish current documentation concerning
ALEXANDER as requested by the Washington Field Office.

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CONFIDENTIAL TO SENATE JUSTICE FOR SENATE COMMITTEE
940 Broadway, New York City

July 31, 1959

HELEN SOBELL INTERVIEWED BY CANADIAN BROADCASTING COMPANY,
LEADING SEATTLE PAPER PUBLISHES ARTICLE ABOUT TRIP

Reports from the Western trip being made by Helen Sobell tell a story of meeting more and more people, adding to support and getting exciting press and TV coverage.

In Vancouver, first stop on Helen Sobell's journey along the West Coast, the CBC, the major broadcasting system in Canada, filmed a television interview with her for a local program, and possibly a national hook-up. She met with women's groups, university people, spoke at a campus meeting and at a public forum, and was interviewed by newspaper editors. Committee members in Vancouver worked on the planning and preparation for these activities and raised funds to cover expenses plus a contribution to the national campaign. In Vancouver, new clergy appeal is being launched throughout Canada.

Upon reaching Seattle, Helen Sobell held a press conference which achieved excellent results. She appeared on three television newscasts that night. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer, the leading paper in the city, carried on page 5 a friendly story, together with her photograph taken by a staff photographer. The newspaper, under the heading "SOBELL'S WIFE HERE SEEKING AID FOR HIM" reported in the story: "In the press interview, Mrs. Sobell, a diminutive brunette who holds degrees in education and physics, said stoutly: (and then in bold type) 'My husband is innocent!'"

Following the news conference, she met with clergymen at the YMCA and that evening she addressed a group at the Seattle church. Further stops were planned for Portland, San Francisco, Fresno, Los Angeles, San Diego, and possibly Tucson and Phoenix.

NEW YORK--The New York Committee is pressing forward its summer work on the battle for the fourth trip to Mexico, house parties, and visiting the summer resorts to raise funds there for the New York and national work.

CHICAGO--Mildor Alexander, in a report on results thus far on her trip to the mid-west, writes: "I think this is really worth it. I've had an excellent response almost everywhere I've been." In Pittsburgh, Dayton, and Chicago, she has been discussing the case with newspaper editors, educators, community and civic leaders, ministers, rabbis, and others whom she felt might be helpful. Milwaukee and Detroit scheduled committee meetings to discuss future work with her. Another stop is planned for Des Moines.

ATLANTA--The Atlanta Journal published a letter from Helen Sobell correcting the paper's erroneous reference to Sobell as an "spy." Her letter, under the heading "Wife Insists That Sobell is Innocent," was followed by an editorial note saying that "there is a strong movement under way to free Mr. Sobell" and citing the contention that "he was a victim of the anti-communist hysteria of the period." Rose Sobell is scheduled to be in Atlanta August 3 and 4 for visits with Norton.

CHICAGO--The appeal by clergymen will be widely circulated in the Chicago area. Many clergymen have become interested in seeing that it reaches substantial numbers of persons who might wish to sign. A major mailing of our new tabloid newspaper is being undertaken by the Chicago committee.

SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648)

8/13/59

SA LLOYD D. JOHNSON

LOS ANGELES SOBELL COMMITTEE (LASC)
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SOURCE	ACTIVITY	RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, and whose identity should be concealed	Document described below	[REDACTED]	Writer	[REDACTED]

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Photostatic copies of this document, entitled "Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, 940 Broadway, New York City - Memo #50", are being submitted to Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, and Seattle for information.

ACTION:

Informant was thoroughly interviewed regarding the above and could furnish no additional information.

All other necessary action in connection with the above has been taken by the writer.

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- 1 - CHICAGO (REGISTERED) (Encl.-1) (CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE)
 - 1 - SEATTLE (REGISTERED) (Encl.-1) (SEATTLE SOBELL COMMITTEE)
 - 1 - NEW YORK (REGISTERED) (Encl.-1) (100-10711 - NEW YORK SOBELL COMMITTEE)
 - 1 - PHILADELPHIA (REGISTERED) (Encl.-1)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

DATE: 8-14-59

FROM : SA HERBERT K. STALLINGS

SUBJECT: CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE
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On July 6, 1959, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished to SA J. WAYNE PARRISH by mail the following: 670

The July, 1959, issue of "Today's Verdict", published by the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell and a mimeographed letter dated July, 1959, on the stationery of the Chicago Sobell Committee (CSC), 20 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

This letter is addressed to "Dear Friends" and signed by "David L. Soltker for the committee". This letter was utilized to enclose the copy of the tabloid "Today's Verdict", and it states in part:

"As current as this paper is, it was impossible to include the news of the past several weeks. In New York, 1,000 people attended a public meeting on June 19. Chairman of the meeting was Professor Thomas Emerson of Yale Law School and the principal speakers were Professor Horace Kallen of the New School of Social Research in New York and Professor Murray Branch of Morehouse College in Atlanta....."

The letter also states that in Chicago more than twenty ministers and rabbis have agreed to sponsor an appeal to every clergyman in the Chicago area to join in the appeal for MORTON SOBELL.

- 1 - Atlanta (RM) [redacted]
- 1 - New Haven (RM) [redacted] b7c
- 2 - New York (RM) [redacted] b2d
- 100- [redacted] (SOBELL COMMITTEE)
- 3 - Chicago [redacted]

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The letter also stated that the CSC was planning another garden party late in August, 1959, the details of which would be announced later.

These two documents are being retained in Chicago file 100-25530-1B2 (387).